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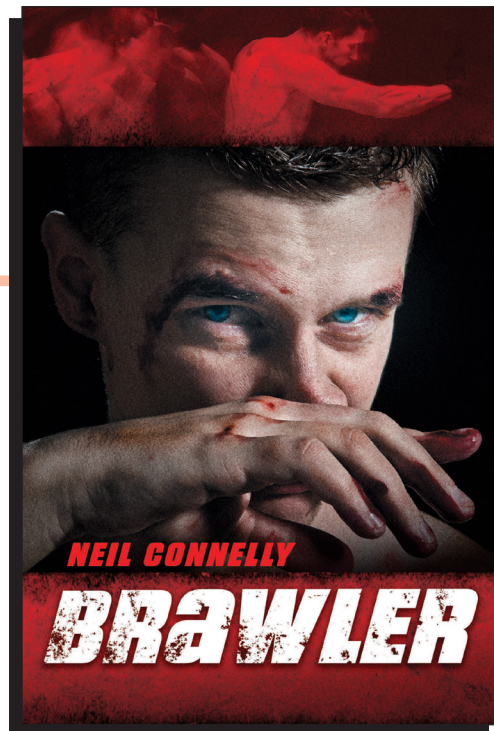
Brawler

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Young Adult / Contemporary



About This Book

Eddie MacIntyre, Mac, is the top wrestler in Pennsylvania. Until he loses his temper and punches a ref during a tournament, throwing away everything in his present – his wrestling career, his place at school – and his future – his scholarship offers, the chance to help his mom out. With one blow he throws away everything the two of them worked so hard to build once his abusive father was put in jail.

Mac is facing arrest and runs away to another town, where he is taken in by a shady promoter who has followed his career. He soon learns about Brawlers, an illegal underground fighting ring run by a gangland boss that provides no rules...but plenty of reward.

Mac teams up with Khajee, a girl his own age with the fighting abilities he needs to learn to survive – and her own dark past that ties her to the head of the ring. Together the two must figure out their place in a world that hasn't been kind to them...and forge a future that is.

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