

# TAN LINES

## Short Synopsis

*Tan Lines* is the story of Midget Hollows- surfer, teenager, partier, pervert...Living in an off-beat coastal town, Midget's surf grommet existence is turned upside-down when he falls in love with another male surfer. An intense and often surreal conflict ensues between Midget's new found love and the macho surf culture he inhabits...and that's not to mention his weird job at the McQuillan mansion...

## Long Synopsis

"It is said that you, Midget Hollows, were pulled from the ocean itself. Look after your mother Midget, she caught you and she can throw you back..."

And so begins the story of Midget Hollows- teenager, surfer, partier, pervert...

Midget and his friends live the quintessential surf grommet existence and now the holidays are here, there's nothing left to do but go surfing, harass the townsfolk and consume as much weed and booze as they can find.

But beneath the surface of this idealistic lifestyle, Midget starts to feel the claustrophobia of small town life; not to mention the constrictions of sleeping in the same bed as his mother, Betty.

When Cass arrives back in town, the older brother of Midget's best friend, after four years travelling in Europe, Midget is instantly attracted to his confidence, his openness about his homosexuality and his graceful surfing ability.

Midget and Cass embark on a passionate affair, but in a place where everyone knows everyone else's business, it isn't long before the relationship feels the strains of secrecy. Midget finds that his sexuality and the culture he inhabits might not be compatible...he tries to take his cues from Cass' confidence, but when some of Cass' secrets start to come out...why *did* he run away four years ago?...Midget starts to wonder if Cass' confidence isn't disguising a desperation to be accepted.

Midget has a firm place within his community and his deep bond with Betty make it difficult to contemplate leaving. But can he be himself if he stays? And will Cass' increasingly erratic behaviour threaten to expose his own secret?

And we haven't even mentioned the strange goings-on at the McQuillan mansion...

*Tan Lines* features exciting skate and surf action and an authentic representation of the teenage lifestyle and the dizziness of first-felt emotions. The performances are central to this authenticity and many non-actors were cast in both lead and supporting roles.

A 'gay surf movie', a 'coming-of-age' story, or a punk's view of teenaged sexuality, *Tan Lines* is a wild ride full of passion, love, laughs, sex and drugs; all against a backdrop of the ocean in all its different moods...