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S.E. Hinton is a writer based in Tulsa. Her first novel, The Outsiders, was published in 1967. While suffering writer's block following the book's success, Hinton was inspired by a photograph she called "The Motorcycle Man." She soon wrote the following story, which first appeared in the Nimrod International Journal of Poetry and Prose in 1968. The original story is reprinted here with permission from Nimrod.

In 1968. The original story is...
and cement. It wasn't that he minded shoes. He wondered impersonally what to sniff at the Motorcycle Boy's tennis between the buildings sometimes stopped rats moving around in the narrow shaft still breathing, so he quit quivering and down the lump in his throat, slightly.

If it had hit him straight on it would have clipping him across the side of the head. Rusty-James made a funny little animal flip at them—the Motorcycle Boy would of glad, because he didn't like being alone. He wasn't too shook. He was really kind of glad, because he didn't like being alone.