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SHUTTERSPEED

AJ Betts

About the book

Living alone with his silent father and the shadow cast by his long-dead mother, Dustin waits. All he wants is to slip under the radar and survive what's left of high school; get through his work at the photo lab, get by. Beyond that lies real life.

Then one Sunday, a single photo gets stuck in the processor and it changes everything. The bike in the picture is decent, for once, a Ducati Monster 620, cherry red. The woman beside it is striking too. What begins then as an innocent curiosity in Terri Pavish, her photography, her freedom, her speed, becomes something else, and the past swings full-circle to haunt him.

About the Author

AJ grew up in far north Queensland and has taught in Brisbane, Cairns, the UK, and Western Australia. After travelling, AJ settled in Perth in 2004. ShutterSpeed is her first novel.

In the author's own words:

'My interest in writing for older teens – males in particular – was fuelled by my teaching experiences involving males who were uninterested in reading, for pleasure or learning. Many of them found no connection between 'set texts' and their own lives, and were becoming increasingly disengaged from reading in general.'



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