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# WAVE LENGTH

AJ BETTS

*Don't panic. What you want to be at 17 may not be what you want at 70. Life is long, there is still time to change your mind.*

### About the Book

Oliver's world has shrunk. It's all about Year 12 and the 80 he needs to get into uni, get a job and get cashed up.

A study break seems just the ticket. But when he arrives at Sunny Haven – cashless, bookless, phoneless and fuming – nothing is what it seems. His study refuge is home to a bunch of incorrigible elderly citizens and the only person Oliver has to talk to is a girl who seems to hate him on sight. Nobody is on his wavelength and the 80 he so badly wants is fast slipping out of his reach.

'Betts offers young adult fiction at its best, successfully engaging a poetic literary aesthetic'

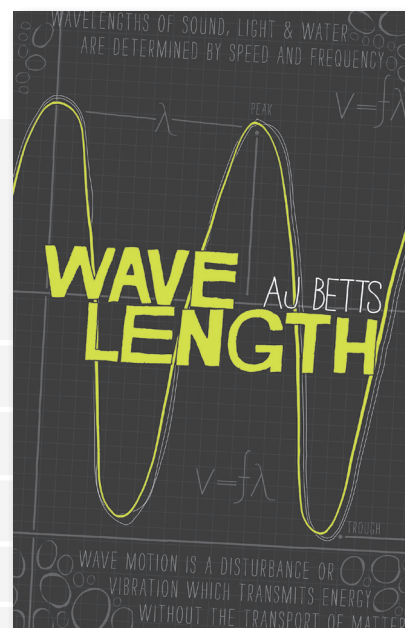
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### About the Author

A.J. Betts grew up in Innisfail, far north Queensland. She studied education in Brisbane, where she taught for a number of years before moving to the UK. After years of travelling overseas, A.J. drove across Australia in 2004. She now lives and teaches in Perth. She has written poetry, prose and travel pieces. AJ is a keen cyclist and adventure triathlete – she writes when she's not pedalling.

### Key Points

- *ShutterSpeed*, her debut novel for young adults, was well received and A.J. Betts has a growing reputation as a writer of quality young adult fiction.
- Her work appeared in *Lines of Wisdom* (an anthology from Affirm Press), which inspired her to write about what teenagers can learn from the elderly.
- Betts is an English teacher who tutors at a Perth Hospital.
- In this novel, she explores how pressure affects young people and their self esteem.
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