

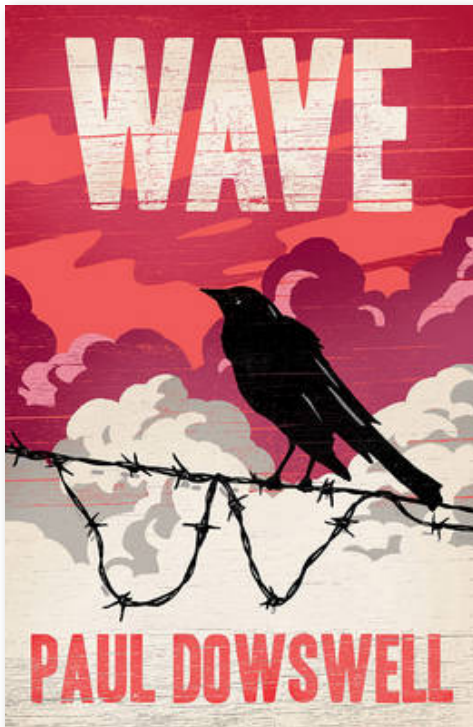


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# LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of **Wave** by Paul Dowswell



**Below are the complete reviews, written by the LoveReading4kids members.**



**Alec Faulkner, age 12**

***A short book but with a great storyline that kept me gripped all the way through.***

*In the book Wave, two brothers, Eddie and Charlie, find an old photo in their Grandma's elder sister's attic, not realising that these are old photos of their great uncle and great grandfather in world war one.*

*The story takes a step back in time, to when the first wave of soldiers in the battle of the Somme, including Charlie and Eddie's great uncle and Great Grandfather, prepare to take steps into the enemy line of fire.*

*The book kept me reading all the way through as it had a great storyline,*

*describing the life of two people in the midst of World War One, as well as going back into modern day life, comparing the two different times. This kept me gripped into the story.*

*The book would certainly appeal to most teenagers, although it is quite short, but I understand that because it is dyslexia friendly.*

**Anastasia Abdian, age 11**

***'Wave' is a moving yet eye-opening book about some of the horrors of WWI that all starts when Charlie and Eddie find a photograph of their Great- great grandfather and uncle.***

*Charlie and Eddie two normal teenagers are named after their Great-great grandfather and uncle. When they find a photo of them in the war they start to learn about their relative's experience. **This book will bring a tear to your eye with the reality and heart-rending sadness of it.***

**Emily Kirby, age 12**

*Personally I wouldn't recommend this book because it's written very simply, but if you are age 6 - 8 then you might enjoy it. It's only 68 pages! **It's quite a good story** but needs to be lengthened.*

*I won't tell you too much about the story because there's not that much to it and I don't want to ruin it for you but it did end quite abruptly. In Wave, Charlie and Eddie in 2016 find a photo of their great grandfather and great uncle. Charlie and Eddie in 1916 go to war and Charlie almost dies, he is never quite the same again.*

**Dylan De Los Santos, age 11**

*'Wave' is an amazing book about the history of war and the point of view of a soldier in the war. Mistakes were made in the book and there were consequences. 'Wave' is about two brothers Charlie and Eddie. Where people make wrong choices and lose much more than what they thought. This book is all about war and the soldiers who risked their lives to save their country. Also it shows how the soldiers felt in battle. Therefore, this book shows a lot of emotion and feelings not only the soldiers but the people surrounding them and the people who loved them.*

**Robert Heathcote, age 13**

*I have never read a book through before because I soon lose interest however this book is short and manageable but it also has a good story-line and this kept my interest all the way through.*

*This book is good at describing the events of WW1. I didn't want the book to finish as I was really interested in the story and I was disappointed when it ended. I would definitely recommend this book as it has spurred my interest in reading. I would give this book 9 out of 10.*

### **Joseph Harris-Hart, age 14**

*An interesting story which brings together events at battle of the Somme in WW1 to two young brothers today. **A great historical fiction, short story which I would recommend.***

*Two brothers are linked to an old photograph they find in their great grandmothers' attic. It tells the story of the brothers and how they are connected to the boys in the old photograph. As I read it I had a better understanding of why young boys volunteered for the Army even though they weren't old enough. Also why the British Army no longer has "Pals Battalions".*

*I liked the way the story moves from present to past to explain how and when the photo was taken, how they felt at the time and what they were going through in the trenches.*

*It shows how war has an effect many years later. I found it intriguing and learnt from it too.*

*I think this book would be enjoyed by Teenagers + Age group.*

### **Kyle Chaplin, age 10**

*At the start I was unsure what to think the book would be like, but after reading a few chapters I was hooked. I have enjoyed reading this book not only because it is not complicated but also because it has a fantastic story and I particularly like the way it was written with each chapter the time set changed and Eddie and Charlie were the great-great-uncle and the great-great-grandfather in WW1. It all started when Eddie and Charlie in 2016 found a photo of their ancestors from the 'First Wave' of the Somme in 1916, and the story was picked up from there. I think this book is suitable for children/teens aged between 8 and 14. But as I'm a reluctant reader **I find it hard to 'get into' books yet I still really enjoyed reading this book and would suggest to anyone else like me.** I also liked this book because it gave you facts on the war and the 'pals' units.*