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Recent high school grad Kate Quinn had the perfect summer planned -- a prestigious internship at the Safe Seas Marine Conservation complete with prime beachside accommodations. It seemed the perfect setting to clear her head and prepare for the future while letting go of her past. But when her best friend Chelsea joins her at the last minute, Kate's plans for a quiet summer go right out the window. First she loses her prized dorm room and she and Chelsea are forced to sink their life savings into a five-bedroom rental. As if finding three roommates wasn't hard enough, it turns out the tenant in the adjoining boat house just happens to be Justin Garret, the sexy lifeguard from last summer -- the very person Kate's been trying so hard to forget.

## **Making Waves Details**

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## From Reader Review Making Waves for online ebook

### **Naomi says**

This review is for the whoe series. The series has eleven books and was also published as "Ocean City". The re-publishing as 'Making Waves' is a bit confusing because I think this is what the 'Summer' series used to be called.

Anyway....I am far too old for these books but I love them. This seems to be one of the less well-known series by Katherine Applegate but I think it's much better than 'Making Out'.

I just wanted to go reading the series forever, although really enough had happened to the characters so I think it did end in the right place.

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### **Robert Beveridge says**

Katherine Applegate, Making Waves (17th Street Press, 1993)

I'm almost embarrassed to admit that I read this-- fifteen-year-old girly teen fiction? It's like picking up old Sweet Valley High books and reviewing them. Worse, this is (as of this moment) an eleven-book series (I had thought it four), which means I've probably locked myself in for at least a year and a half, because yes, I'm going to see this bad boy through all the way to the end. Why? Because as silly and stupid as it is, I certainly can't fault Applegate for having created the ultimate guilty pleasure book; it's series romance for teens, with a healthy dose of 90210/Melrose Place-style intrigue (but the explicitness sometimes makes me think Applegate was presaging The O.C., instead).

The premise: two girls come to Ocean City for the summer before they head off to college. Kate has an internship lined up at an ocean conservation kind of place and a bad relationship the previous summer she wants to forget. Kate's best friend Chelsea, on the other hand, came along on impulse, and on their first night there, after their reserved room was rented because they're a day late, blows their entire collective savings renting a house. Well, at least it's big, and they can sublet, but the owner lets slip there's already someone-- a male someone-- living in the boathouse. And where are they going to find enough roommates to make the place affordable for the summer? And where is Chelsea going to find a job at a packed resort? And... well, you get the idea.

Awash with the heady aroma of sex, family conflict, burgeoning alcohol problems, interpersonal relationships, possible eating disorders, best body contests, and all the other things that make stupid teen TV dramas so compulsively watchable (even if you feel guilty about it afterwards), Making Waves is just the book form. It's just as compulsively readable as this sort of thing is watchable. Beware: once you're hooked, you won't be able to stop. \*\*\*

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### **Laura says**

Yet another good Katherine Applegate series!

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### **Victoria says**

Not as good as the Making Out series, but still enjoyable.

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### **Emily says**

recommended by Amanda & Annie for summer beach reading

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### **Tonya says**

This book was started off a little boring, but got better the more that I read.

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### **Kate says**

Okay, yes, this series has aged quite a bit since I was a teen, but I'm honestly surprised by how the characters and dialogue have held up. For 1990s YA, the Ocean City series (which I think has been renamed Making Waves?) dealt with some pretty heavy issues.

Kate is a golden girl (and totally the reason I switched from Katie to Kate when I started college), smart and motivated. But she's dealing with her sister's suicide, which is explored more in other books.

Justin is a high school dropout. Not because he isn't smart, school just wasn't his thing. When was the last time you read a book where the YA main characters weren't all planning on not only graduating high school, but college is a must too? Here Justin is a self made person, he's lifeguarding and rebuilding his boat.

Chelsea is an artist struggling under the expectations of her family, ancestors that went from slavery to business owners to professionals.

Connor is an illegal alien from Ireland, and is busy dodging Immigration and writing the next great novel. He's also funny and annoying and into Chelsea.

Grace is definitely dealing big issues, the daughter of an alcoholic and responsible for a younger brother. Grace is also very comfortable with her sexuality, has a history with Justin, and is hitting the bottle more and more...

Alec is the weakest character of the series (and eventually he does get written out of the books), but even

though he doesn't have a lot of material in this first book, he does eventually start a relationship with a paraplegic and has to overcome his sheltered naivety.

Looking back on this series, it was pretty diverse for it's time (although not so much in the LGBT issues, at least not that I can remember). Plus, Ocean City is one of my favorite places on earth, and I read the first few books while on vacation there in 1993, and I'm heading there next week!

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### **Jenn N says**

A nice blast from the past I found through Kindle Unlimited. I was glad this series was not updated and remains set in the 90s. This series is soapy but also had "after school Special" storylines that just as relevant today such as alcoholism and Connor's fears that INS will find deport him.

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### **Elaine Mullane says**

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### **Deanna says**

I bought this series book by book with this first one being one of my favorites as you get to meet the characters. After I finished the fifth one I went back to buy the next book because #5 ended with SUCH A CLIFFHANGER and then found out this publisher wasn't printing anymore of the books. It wasn't until many years later that I found the original series printed under a different name (Ocean City) that I was able to purchase the rest and finish them. I had a lot of fun reading these when I was high school and didn't do much else but read these once I found the rest of the series I had searched so long for. They are all fun summer reads. Some more eventful than others but overall I give the series a 4. I've recently reread them all and they are still fun.

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