

**The Waves**  
Virginia Woolf

Title?

Themes

- art
  - writing = rhythm (58)
  - painters as methodical (118)
  - poets as scapegoats like Prometheus(118)

Characters

- Bernard
  - storyteller (27)
  - brother of Neville
  - Victorian? gentleman
  - life as a carriage (60)
  - 'I' as one and complex (56)
  - meaning of life
- Susan
  - father a clergyman
  - farmer's wife
- Rhoda
  - no father
  - coming out ball (80)
- Neville
  - Bernard's bro.
  - poet (61)
  - life as order (67)
- Jinny
  - beautiful
  - animalistic
  - sensual
- Louis
  - Australian
  - Father banker
  - narrator(15)
  - Life is order (71)
- Perceval
  - sportsman (35)
  - dead (114)

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- publ. 1931
  - Between 2 world wars
    - Italy 1915
      - Mussolini & Fasci movement
    - Germany 1914
      - National Socialism
    - Russia
      - Lenin & Bolshevik Revolution 1917
    - Spain
      - Primo de Rivera dictatorship 1923
    - France
      - Francist Movement 1934 riots
    - Hungary, Romania
      - fascists in Parliament 1932-33
    - UK
      - 1932 Mosley's British Union of Fascists
- rise of totalitarianism in Europe
- Economic changes after 1st World war
  - The Crack 1929
- Culturally: uncertain world

Narrative

- 6 narrators
  - 6 points of view
    - fragmented reality
  - Soliloquies
    - dialogue credible?
- Language
  - water metaphor
    - life = surf (49)
    - sea = London (53)
    - dance = flood (76)
    - Rhoda = foam (80)
  - poetic flow sentences
  - Oxford St description (121)
- Time
  - chapter introductions
    - sun
    - a day in the lives of..
  - routine
    - list of days of the week (208-09)