

Celia J Anderson

Writer

Previously a teacher and assistant head, Celia Anderson now writes full time and is an enthusiastic member of the Romantic Novelists Association, having graduated from their wonderful New Writers' Scheme. She writes stories with a strong flavour of magical realism and her fourth such novel with Harper Collins, *Coming Home to Mistletoe Cottage*, will be published in October 2022.



Celia loves flower arranging but tries to avoid gardening, plays the piano very badly and is a jigsaw addict. She is a doting grandma to Ida and Levi and has tried several times to learn to knit them jumpers without much success (or joy). Some hobbies are probably best left alone.

Currently living as far away from any beaches as you can possibly get in mainland UK, Celia has always dreamt of living by the sea, and that dream will hopefully soon become a reality. She loves walking, reading, having large bubbly baths, eating, and drinking wine. Over the years, she has found that all of these activities bar the first may be done simultaneously, although this can be messy...

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Publications

Fiction

Publication Details	Notes
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59 Memory Lane

2019

HarperCollins

May Rosevere has lived in the Cornish village of Pengelly almost all her life. And it's been a long life, for May is just three months shy of her 111th birthday. May claims her longevity is a result of clean living: four slices of toast with butter every morning and a few glasses of sherry in the evening, but the truth is, May is nursing a secret. She is a memory harvester, someone whose youthful appearance and long life is the result of living off the memory echoes of others. These echoes are imparted into objects people leave behind, which May has spent her life collecting.

May is desperate to reach what she sees as the magical age of 111, but living alone with few visitors means it's hard to come by objects that hold new memories. In her attempt to prolong her life, May makes some big decisions, the consequences of which she could never have foreseen...

The Cottage of Curiosities

2020

HarperCollins

Tucked away amongst the winding, cobbled streets of Pengelly in Cornwall, the old stone cottage on Memory Lane is full of secrets. Brimming with trinkets and treasures, there are thousands of stories hidden within its walls.

Fifty-four-year-old Grace Clarke arrives in Pengelly determined to uncover the secrets of her past. Standing outside the little cottage, she feels sure that the answers she craves lie inside. The truth about her mysterious long-lost mother and the even more mysterious gifts she was born with...

The Secret Gift of Lucia Lemon

2021

Years of mystery lie inside the case, just waiting to be unravelled...

After fifty-eight years of playing it safe, Lucia Lemon wants something more from life. If only she knew what...

Until she receives a package in the post from an old friend that will change her life forever. Inside, she finds a bundle of cash, a collection of old maps, and a beautiful compass that no longer points north.

Holding the compass in her hand, Lucia suddenly feels hopeful - for the first time ever, life feels full of possibility and the open road is calling. If only she's brave enough to answer it...
