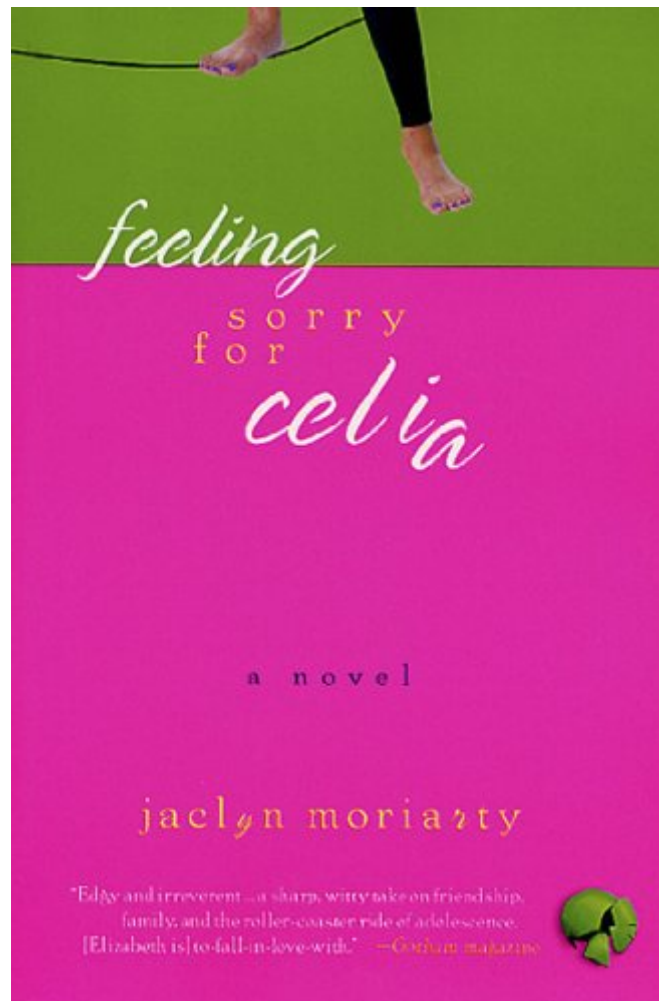


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# Feeling Sorry For Celia: A Novel (Ashbury/Brookfield Books (Paperback))



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

I picked up *Feeling Sorry for Celia* because the plot seemed interesting and was also curious about reading a book from an Australian author. I marvel at this little gem! Written in the form of letters, 15-year-old Elizabeth Clarry tries to figure out what to do with her troubled best friend Celia while struggling with the growing pains of adolescence via imaginary letters from the "Association of Teenagers" and "Cold Hard Truth Association" -- which are hilarious -- while connecting well with a pen-pal named Christina and dealing with her eccentric mother who leaves little notes in the kitchen and putting up with a wayward Dad who suddenly wants to be more involved in her life. I laughed from beginning to end. The neurotic characters and sometimes poignant situations made it even more fun to read. This novel about an endearing young adult could be enjoyed by any age group. It is no wonder it became the #1 Bestseller in Australia! Possibly one of, if not the best novel I've read all year! I so recommend it!

*Feeling Sorry for Celia* is a witty and realistic account of the many trials and tribulations of today's teens. Jaclyn Moriarty uses the lost art of letter writing to connect her characters and tell their stories. This concept was both refreshing and enlightening. The novel centers around, somewhat awkward and shy, Elizabeth Carry. The reader is pulled into Elizabeth's world via notes from her unconventional mother and crazy best friend Celia. Elizabeth, who attends a private school, is matched with a girl, Christine that attends public school in her teacher's efforts to connect the two schools. This process of connection also has Christine and Elizabeth being pen pals. Moriarty also is successful at adding the negative thoughts that often pervade our minds. Again, this is done in the form of letters from such organizations as 'The Cold Hard Truth Society.' Elizabeth is faced with numerous challenges and obstacles as she analyzes her relationships with her parents and friends. The greatest learning is how Elizabeth discovers herself amidst her semi-chaotic life. *Feeling Sorry for Celia* is a novel not to miss. This is a great read for the young and those that cringe when they think of their teen years. This novel will have you traveling down memory lane or shaking your head in agreement!

This Book was a great book and it was funny and sweet. It's about a teenage girl called Elizabeth Clarry. Life is pretty complicated for Elizabeth Clarry. Her best friend Celia keeps disappearing, she was first worrying about her when she didn't get on the bus one morning. Her absent father that was living in Canada suddenly reappears, and her communication with her mother consists entirely of wacky notes left on the fridge. On top of everything else, because her English teacher wants to rekindle the "Joy of the Envelope," She ends up writing to a Complete and Utter Stranger that ends

up knowing more about Elizabeth than anyone else. But Elizabeth is on the verge of some major changes. She may lose her best friend, find a wonderful new friend, kiss the sexiest guy alive, and run in a marathon. So much can happen in the time that it takes to write a letter. No.1 best seller in Australia, this fabulous debut is a funny, touching, revealing story written entirely in the form of letters, messages, postcards - and bizarre missives from imaginary organisations like The Cold Hard Truth Association. *Feeling Sorry for Celia* captures, with rare acuity, female friendship and the bonding and parting that occurs as we grow. Jaclyn Moriarty's hilariously candid novel shows that the roller coaster ride of being a teenager is every bit as it should be. I thought that this was a very interesting book and after research I was not surprised it was No.1 best seller in Australia.

'*Feeling Sorry for Celia*' is now one of my favorite books. It's about a girl, Elizabeth Clarry, who lives in Australia with her mother (her father left when Elizabeth was a baby). Elizabeth is best friends with Celia Buckley, but Celia always runs away from home. Usually, Celia comes back after about a week or so, but this time, she has been gone longer than usual. Elizabeth's communication with her mother is only notes that are left on the refrigerator for each other. Meanwhile, at school, Elizabeth's teacher, Mr. Botherit, assigns 'pen pals' to each person. Elizabeth writes to Christina Kratovac, and soon they develop a friendship through letters. Elizabeth deals with all of these things in her life- her hobby of running and participating in marathons, a best friend who has run away from home, a pen pal with other problems, communicating through notes with her mother, and going out to awkward dinners with her father. Her father also has a family that lives in Canada that Elizabeth has never met, and her father doesn't seem too anxious for her to meet them. I would definitely recommend this book to any teenage girl, I'm sure it won't disappoint you!

This is a great book for women of all ages. The entire book is written in letters, either from real people, or the Imaginary organizations like the Association of Teenagers (trust me, it makes sense in the book) It tells the story of Elizabeth, and her dealings with her parents (who are divorced), with her best friend, Celia, and a new pen-pal, Christina. Elizabeth's mother is loving, but often gone (but leaves hilarious notes to her daughter. Celia, her best friend, actually ran off to the circus. Her father is a bit of a lout, and the guy Elizabeth likes, likes Celia more. The only real constant in her life right now is Christina. This book is hilarious, exploring the difficulties of growing up with humor and grace. Elizabeth and Christina are like every 15 year old, just a little bit cooler. I \*loved\* this book (and I'm hard to please).

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