

# Lamont Books Standing Order

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*Teacher Notes and Activities*

## **Celia & Nonna**

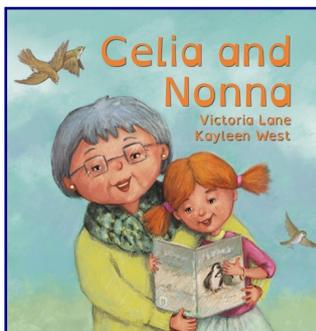
**By Victoria Lane & Illustrated by Kayleen West**

**Publisher: Ford Street Publishing**

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**\$24.95**

Celia and Nonna is a significant and heart-warming picture book about the special bond between children and grandparents - and what happens when life changes. Grandparents ageing is a universal experience, yet it is rarely told in picture book form. In this story, young Celia finds a delightful and positive way to navigate this confusing time.



Teacher notes have been taken from those prepared by the publisher, Ford Street Publishing. A full version will be available at [www.fordstreet.com.au](http://www.fordstreet.com.au).

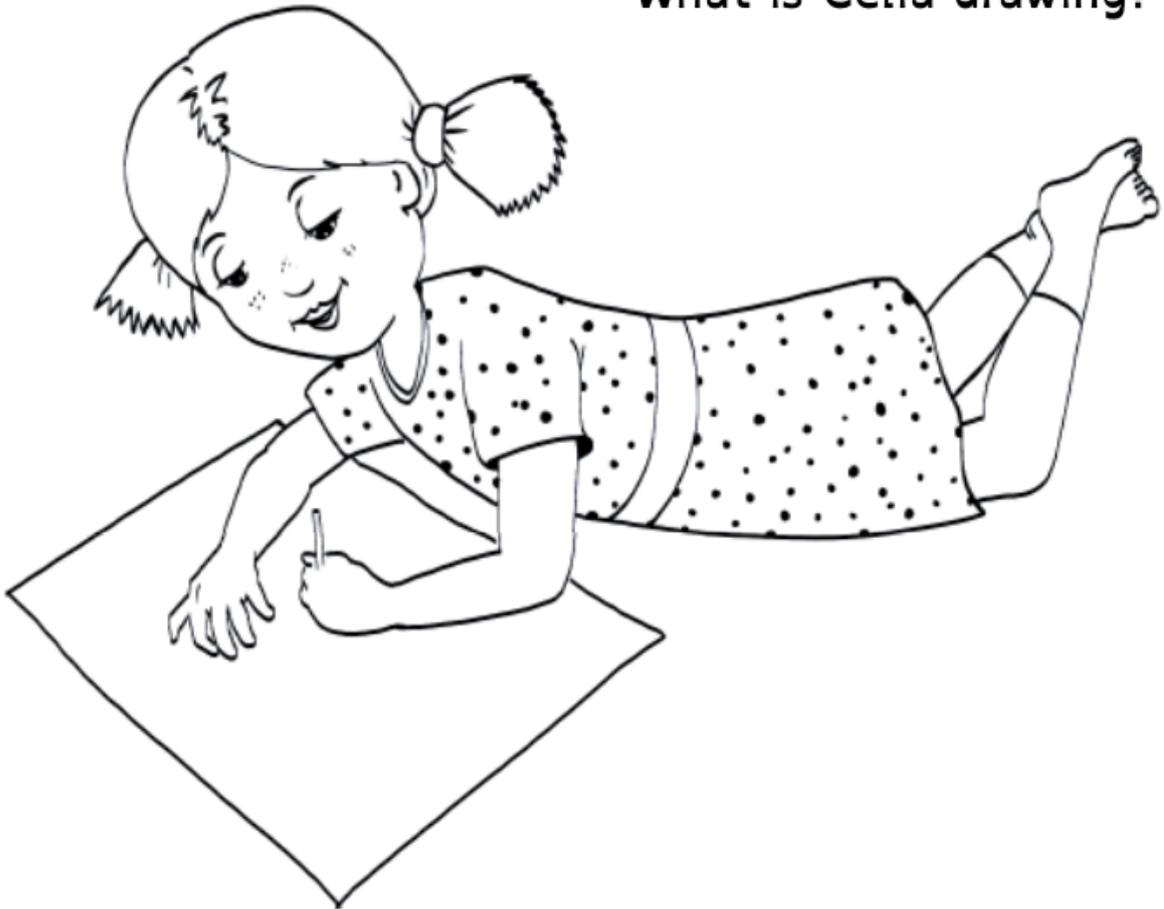
### Themes:

- Ageing
- Dementia
- Coping with Change
- Illness of family members

### Discussion Points and Activities:

- The illustration on the front cover gives a clue about what happens in Celia and Nonna. What do you think the book will be about?
- Look at the illustrations in the book. Choose one and write down how the picture makes you feel.
- What does Celia like about going to Nonna's house?
- Are there special activities that you like to do with an older relative?
- What does Nonna do that makes Celia feel special?
- What does Celia notice changing at Nonna's house?
- What are some of the things that Nonna forgets?
- If Nonna is becoming forgetful, is it safe for her to keep living alone? Where does Nonna have to move to?
- Why can't Celia stay for a sleepover in the new home?
- What is different about Nonna's new room compared with her old home?
- Does Celia have her old activities to enjoy? What does Celia decide to do instead?
- Why do you think Celia starts to draw pictures of Nonna's old house?
- Where does Nonna put the pictures? Do you think Nonna likes the pictures? How can you tell?
- How do you think Celia and Nonna feel at the end of the story?
- Discuss what feelings children have when they see a sick or elderly relative.
- Celia calls her grandmother Nonna. What country does this originate from? What are some of the other names that grandparents are called in different countries?
- There are two activity pages attached that the children can enjoy doing and sharing with their relatives.

What is Celia drawing?



Draw for someone special.  
Give it to them next time you see them.



