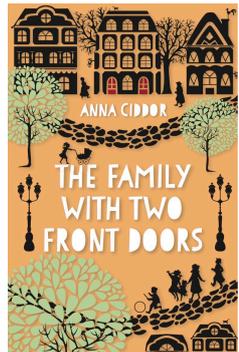
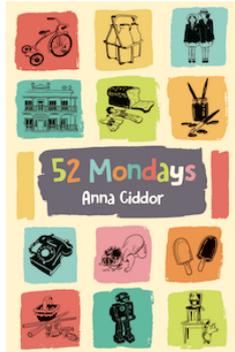




## ANNA CIDDOR author and illustrator

*'Anna had the audience locked on to her presentation from start to finish. She unfolded a fascinating story of literary detective work, tracing the lives of her Polish grandmother and her family, and the audience couldn't wait for a formal question-and-answer period at the end – they threw in questions as the session went along, and she handled them brilliantly and honestly.'*  
Chris, committee member of Williamstown Literary Festival 2016

Anna Ciddor is not only a versatile writer-illustrator of fiction, travel, history and fantasy, but also an inspirational speaker. In her presentations she reveals amazing research stories and passes on tips and secrets about how she created her two latest novels based on family history. Audiences resurrect their own childhood memories, find themselves inspired to record family stories, and feel empowered to be creative themselves.

 <p><i>The Family with Two Front Doors</i> is based on the childhood of Anna's grandmother in 1920s Poland – a heart-warming Jewish story that is not about the holocaust.</p>	 <p><i>52 Mondays</i> is based on Anna's memories of 1960s Melbourne. Three sisters conjure up hilarious everyday adventures in a time before computer games, internet and mobile phones. Release date March 2019.</p>
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### Presentation topics:

#### Uncovering a lost world

With the vivid support of photos, illustrations, documents and historic artifacts, Anna describes how she uncovered the past to bring it back to life. She tells of her hunt to uncover the lost world of her late grandmother's childhood – an emotional, surprise-filled quest that lasted four years and carried her across the world to Poland – and the fun of searching back into her own past. Audiences will be encouraged to share their own memories.

#### Tricks of the trade

Anna Ciddor reveals all! Using the actual photos, historic documents, interview and recall techniques that were used to create *The Family with Two Front Doors* and *52 Mondays*, Anna demonstrates the processes of research, writing, illustrating, building characters, and working with an editor. This can develop into a writing workshop.

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