

**Very short:**

Joëlle Anthony is the author many nonfiction pieces on the craft of writing, and three YA novels, *Speed of Life* (J.M. Kelly), *Restoring Harmony* and *The Right & the Real* and the forthcoming middle grade novel, *A Month of Mondays*. Visit her on the web at [www.joelleanthony.com](http://www.joelleanthony.com)  
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**Short:**

Joëlle Anthony is a writer, playwright, actress, and writing teacher. She's the author of three novels for teens, *Restoring Harmony*, *The Right & the Real* and *Speed of Life* (October 2016) which will be published under the pen name J. M. Kelly. Her debut Middle Grade novel, *A Month of Mondays*, will be out in the spring of 2017 from Canadian publisher, Second Story Press. She enjoys teaching workshops to writers of all ages, and has been the Writer in Residence at Gabriola Elementary School for six years. Visit her on the web at [www.joelleanthony.com](http://www.joelleanthony.com) and [www.jmkellywrites.com](http://www.jmkellywrites.com) Follow her on Twitter @joellewrites

**Long:**

Joëlle Anthony started out life in Portland, Oregon as a talker, then a reader, eventually a writer, and by her teen years, the sirens of the stage were calling her name. With a BA in theatre, and absolutely no other marketable skills (not even waitressing), she got some headshots made and called herself an actress. Believe it or not, some people fell for it, and if you look really closely, and don't blink, you can see her in movies like *What The Bleep Do We Know?* and *The Temp*. The desire to write remained strong though, and was her real calling. After many years of practice, and lots and lots of reading, her first novel, *Restoring Harmony*, was published. It went on to be long listed for the American Library Association's *Best New Young Adult Fiction*, and chosen as the Feature Title for Cincinnati's *Teen on the Same Page Festival*. Her second novel, *The Right & the Real* also an ALA's *Best YA Fiction* nominee was named a *Bank Street's 2013 Best Books of the Year*. She enjoys teaching writing workshops to writers of all ages. Visit her on the web at [www.joelleanthony.com](http://www.joelleanthony.com) and [www.jmkellywrites.com](http://www.jmkellywrites.com) Follow her on Twitter @joellewrites

**Workshops:**

Joëlle Anthony is a writer, teacher, and actress, originally from Portland, she currently lives in Canada. Her debut novel, *Restoring Harmony*, was an ALA's *Best New Young Adult Fiction 2010 nominee*, and chosen as the Feature Title for Cincinnati's *Teen on the Same Page Festival 2012*. Her second release, *The Right & the Real* was named a *Bank Street's 2013 Best Books of the Year*. Her third novel, a new YA published under the pen name J. M. Kelly called *Speed of Life* was hailed by Publisher's Weekly as: *a believable portrait of blue-collar teens struggling to make it work against tough odds* and her first Middle Grade, *A Month of Mondays* will be released March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Joëlle uses her skills as an actress, and her enthusiasm for the written word to excite kids and adults alike about writing. Visit her on the web at [www.joelleanthony.com](http://www.joelleanthony.com) Twitter @joellewrites