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# Return to Fairyopolis

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*Return to Fairyopolis*. Illustrated with reproductions of Cicely Mary Barker's illustrations.  
Penguin Books, 2008. ISBN 9780723259961. \$17.99. 24 p.

Reviewer: Sandra L. Tidwell

Reading Level: Primary, Intermediate

Rating: Dependable

Genre: Fantasy fiction; Toy and movable books;

Subject: Fairies--Juvenile fiction; Barker, Cicely Mary--Juvenile fiction; Diaries--Juvenile fiction; Books--Reviews;

Do you believe in fairies? Have you ever seen a fairy? Sixteen-year-old Dulcie, after reading a book about fairies written by her friend Cicely M. Barker, writes to Cicely and asks why she hasn't seen a fairy in a long time. *Return to Fairyopolis* is Dulcie's colorful scrapbook journal from March 1, 1933, to June 24, 1933. Each page turn reveals Dulcie's hand-penned journal entries, letters to and from Cicely, ticket stubs, programs, pressed flowers, seed packets, photographs, glittered fold-up flowers with messages from fairies, envelopes to open and notes to read, book covers to open, and ,of course, lots of illustrations of fairies and elves.

Young girls will eagerly open this book, and many readers will be delighted to turn the last page and hear the mysterious ringing notes as the delicate double-spread pop-up of a magical fairy garden unfolds. The journal entries invite the reader to keep reading to find out how to get fairies to appear. Who better than Cicely Mary Barker (1895-1973), the famous English illustrator and creator of flower fairies, to answer Dulcie's earnest questions? Reproductions of many of Barker's intricate flower fairy colored drawings are included in this selection.

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