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I spend too much time Googling flight deals and I'm not brilliant at cooking. The travel bug was probably caught from friends and family, especially my great-granddad who travelled the world during the First World War. I've been lucky enough to travel to some really great places. And it was a trip to Australia that inspired me to write *Everybody Jam*, my first novel." Denny, the central character and narrator, was inspired by her two brothers.

After studying journalism, she worked as a trainee reporter for a local paper. In 2002 she had saved enough money to travel extensively in Asia, Australia and New Zealand and later she travelled to Africa and South America.

In Australia she worked for a month on a cattle station. Her novel was an immediate success. Currently Ali Lewis is writing her second novel. She lives in London.