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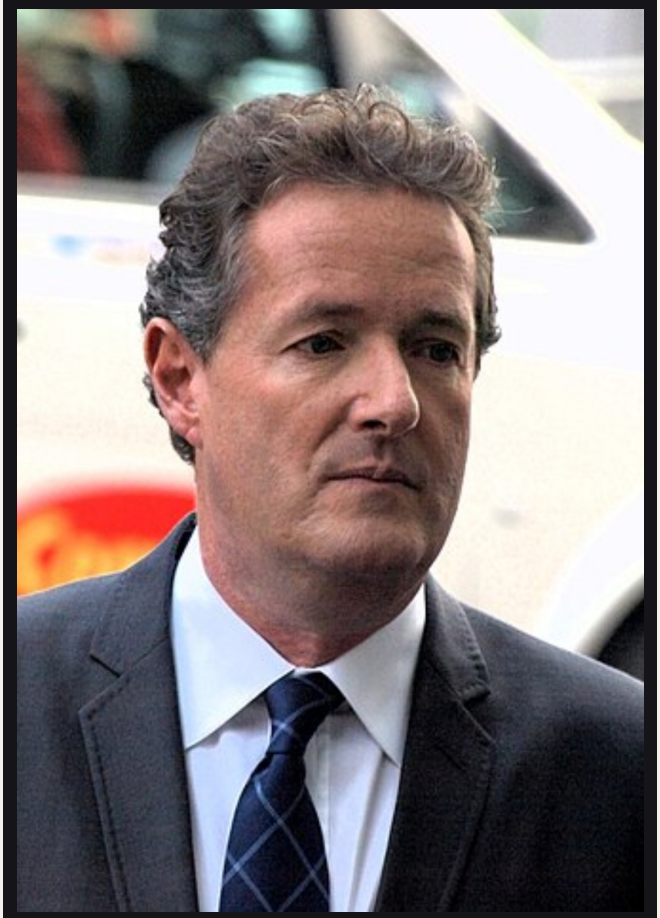
TWO DISTINCT CAREERS, ONE HIGH-PROFILE PARTNER-SHIP



PIERS MORGAN

& CELIA WALDEN

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THE MAN BEHIND THE HEADLINES

Piers Morgan: From Surrey Newsrooms to the Global Stage

ROOTS AND EDUCATION

Piers Stefan O’Meara was born on 30 March 1965 in Guildford, Surrey. His family moved to Newick in East Sussex when he was very young. After his father died during his infancy, his mother later married Welshman Glynne Pughe-Morgan; Piers took his stepfather’s surname. His education included Cumnor House, Chailey School and Priory School in Lewes. He later studied journalism at Harlow College.

A FAST START IN NEWSPAPERS

Morgan began his journalism career in 1985 with the Surrey and South London Newspaper Group. After working at The Sun, he moved into senior tabloid roles. In 1994, aged 29, he became editor of the News of the World, then took charge of the Daily Mirror in 1995. The appointment made him one of the youngest editors of a major British national newspaper in decades.

THE MIRROR CONTROVERSY

His Daily Mirror editorship ended in May 2004 after the paper published photographs presented as showing British soldiers abusing Iraqi prisoners. The images were later established to be fake, and Morgan was dismissed. The episode remains a defining and serious chapter in his professional record, illustrating the consequences of failures in editorial verification.

BEYOND PRINT

Morgan continued in publishing and broadcasting, building a public profile through interviews, opinion-led programmes and high-visibility television appearances. His career has repeatedly moved between journalism, entertainment and current-affairs debate.



THE BROADCASTER AND THE FORMAT

A Career Built on Interviews, Debate and Unfiltered Opinion

TELEVISION BREAKTHROUGH

Morgan became widely recognised by television audiences as a judge on America’s Got Talent from 2006 to 2011 and Britain’s Got Talent from 2007 to 2010. He later fronted Piers Morgan’s Life Stories on ITV, a long-form interview series that placed public figures in extended conversations about their lives and careers.

CNN AND BRITISH BREAKFAST TELEVISION

From 2011 to 2014 he hosted Piers Morgan Live on CNN, succeeding Larry King in the network’s evening interview slot. In 2015 he joined Good Morning Britain, co-presenting alongside Susanna Reid. His direct style and willingness to challenge guests made him a prominent—and often divisive—presence in the morning news format. He left the programme in 2021.

A NEW MEDIA CHAPTER

After roles with MailOnline and TalkTV, Morgan’s show Piers Morgan Uncensored developed into a digital-first interview and commentary brand. In 2025 he acquired the rights to the programme from News UK and continued it as an independent media venture, reflecting the shift from traditional broadcast schedules towards creator-led online channels.

THE PUBLIC PERSONA

Supporters see a combative interviewer who presses guests and keeps difficult subjects in the news. Critics argue that his confrontational approach can intensify polarisation. Both reactions have become part of the public identity he has built across newspapers, television and online media.



HER OWN NAME, HER OWN CAREER

Celia Walden: The Journalist and Novelist Beyond the Headlines

PARIS BEGINNINGS AND EDUCATION

Celia Isobel Walden was born in Paris, France, on 8 December 1975. Her father is George Walden, a former Conservative MP and government minister; her mother, Sarah Walden, is an art historian and picture restorer. Celia attended Westminster School before studying French and Italian at Newnham College, University of Cambridge.

A NEWSROOM VOICE

Walden built a career as a feature writer, interviewer and columnist. Her work has appeared in publications including the Evening Standard, Daily Mail, The Spectator, GQ, Glamour and The Daily Telegraph. She became particularly associated with The Telegraph’s diary column Spy and has written on culture, relationships, current affairs, fashion and everyday life.

BOOKS AND TELEVISION

Her debut novel, Harm’s Way, appeared in 2008. Babysitting George, her 2011 book about her time around footballer George Best, was selected as BBC Radio 4’s Book of the Week and nominated for the William Hill Sports Book of the Year. She later published the thriller Payday in 2022 and The Square. Her official author biography says she has also appeared on programmes including BBC Breakfast, Sky News, Good Morning Britain and The Today Show.

A DEVELOPING SCREEN PROJECT

In June 2025, Universal International Studios and Working Title secured the rights to her forthcoming novel Little Hands after a competitive bidding process. Walden is attached as an executive producer. It is a notable milestone in a writing career that has moved between newspaper columns, memoir and psychological fiction.



PARTNERSHIP AND FAMILY

Piers Morgan and Celia Walden: A Shared Life in the Public Eye

HOW THEY MET

Morgan and Walden are both journalists, and their relationship began in 2006. They married on 24 June 2010 in a private ceremony at St Mary’s Church in Swinbrook, Oxfordshire. Their partnership has attracted public attention, but both have continued to maintain distinct professional identities.

A BLENDED FAMILY

Morgan was previously married to Marion Shalloe, with whom he has three sons: Spencer, Stanley and Albert, often known as Bertie. He and Walden have one daughter, Elise, born in November 2011. Together, the family includes four children. Walden is also the daughter of George Walden, whose public career brought a political dimension to her family background.

TWO CAREERS, TWO BYLINES

Morgan’s work is rooted in newspaper editing, live broadcasting and opinion-led interviews. Walden’s career spans reporting, cultural commentary, television appearances and fiction. Their professions overlap in their interest in public debate, but their work is not interchangeable: each has developed a separate voice and body of work.

PRIVACY AND PUBLIC ATTENTION

The couple’s visibility means that family milestones can become news. This profile focuses on established biographical details rather than speculation about their private life. The public record shows a long-running marriage, a blended family and two ongoing careers in media and publishing.

AT A GLANCE

Two Media Careers, One Family Story

PIERS MORGAN

- Born: 30 March 1965
- Birthplace: Guildford, Surrey, England
- Profession: Journalist, broadcaster, writer
- Education: Harlow College
- Known for: News of the World, Daily Mirror, CNN, Good Morning Britain, Piers Morgan Uncensored
- Children: Spencer, Stanley, Albert and Elise

CAREER MILESTONES

- 1985: Begins journalism career
- 1994: Appointed editor of News of the World
- 1995–2004: Editor of the Daily Mirror
- 2011–2014: Hosts Piers Morgan Live on CNN
- 2015–2021: Co-presents Good Morning Britain
- 2025: Takes Piers Morgan Uncensored independent

CELIA WALDEN

- Born: 8 December 1975
- Birthplace: Paris, France
- Profession: Journalist, novelist, critic
- Education: Westminster School; Newnham College, Cambridge
- Known for: Telegraph columns, Harm’s Way, Babysitting George, Payday and The Square
- Parents: George Walden and Sarah Walden

THE FAMILY

- Relationship began: 2006
- Married: 24 June 2010, Swinbrook, Oxfordshire
- Daughter: Elise Morgan, born November 2011
- Morgan’s sons from his first marriage: Spencer, Stanley and Albert
- Family: Four children across the blended family

EDITOR’S NOTE

This feature is a biographical overview based on published biographical records and the subjects’ professional profiles. Dates and career milestones are presented as reported; opinions about public figures are not treated as facts. Celia Walden’s professional biography and books are also documented on her official author website.

SOURCE

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