

## Short Bio for Alicia Z. Klepeis, Children's Author

Alicia Z. Klepeis is a children's author of both nonfiction and fiction. She began her career at the National Geographic Society in Washington, D.C. From jellybeans to vampires, Alicia loves to research fun and out-of-the-ordinary topics that make nonfiction exciting for readers. She is the author of more than 70 kids' books, including the following titles: *Bizarre Things We've Called Medicine*; *Understanding Saudi Arabia Today*; *Vampires: The Truth Behind History's Creepiest Bloodsuckers*; and *The World's Strangest Foods*.

Alicia's first picture book, *Francisco's Kites*, was released in 2015. Called "a delight to page through" by *The Midwest Book Review*, this book was named to the Tejas Star Reading List. Alicia is also the author of three world adventure books including *From Pizza to Pisa* and *Cairo, Camels, and Chaos*. In 2016 her middle grade novel *A Time For Change* was released as part of the History Files series by Rourke. Set in 1960, this story sheds light on the Civil Rights Movement.

Alicia has written over 100 articles in magazines such as *National Geographic Kids*, *Kiki*, and *FACES*. She is currently working on several projects involving world cultures, science, music, and the Renaissance. Alicia lives with her family in upstate New York.