

ALICIA KLEPEIS

School Visits Info



Hello! I'm Alicia Klepeis and I am the author of about 200 children's books, most of which are nonfiction. Before I became a writer, I had lots of different jobs: babysitter, shoe salesperson, frozen yogurt maker, emergency roadside service agent, researcher and writer at National Geographic, middle

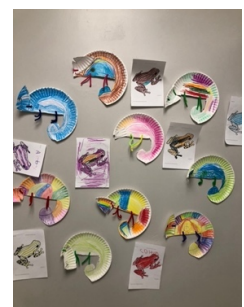
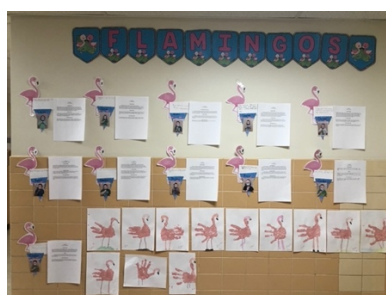
school teacher, and stay-at-home mum to three children. I do love being a writer – learning new things every day and getting to visit schools are the best parts of my job! My first book, *Africa*, came out in 2013 and I've been writing lots of books every year since then. 2023 is an exciting year for me since my first National Geographic book came out (*Go Wild! Frogs*) and my first fiction collection is also being released (*Secrets of the Forest: 15 Bedtime Stories Inspired By Nature*). I live with my husband, Peter, in Hamilton, New York.

Nonfiction Is Cool!

As a former teacher, I love visiting schools and sharing the books I've written with kids from Syracuse, New York to Stockholm, Sweden. Coming to your school is something I look forward to. When students are prepared well, an author visit is rewarding and successful for everyone. When students are familiar with some of my writing, it gets them excited and helps to encourage participation during a presentation or workshop.

Here are some suggestions for activities to try before my visit:

- Have students/teachers visit my website <http://aliciaklepeis.com/> to learn more about my books, find activities related to some of them, and discover some fun facts about me.
- Have students come up with questions to ask during a Q&A session. (Writing them down can be helpful ☺)
- Read a book aloud to students or have older kids read some independently.
- Do extension activities for my different books. Some schools have each grade choose one of my books and then fill the hallways with displays related to the various topics (flamingos, superfast cars, rainbows, the rain forest, etc.); Want some specific ideas for more activities I have seen? Feel free to email me and I'll be glad to share some!



OTHER LOGISTICS

I offer a variety of different programs on topics including Amazing Animals, Making Nonfiction Fun, and Daily Life Around The Globe. I am happy to create a tailor-made presentation to meet the needs of your students and to mesh with your school's curriculum. Presentation lengths vary between 30-60 minutes, depending on the age of the students. I regularly work with kids from PreK - Grade 8.

Want to know more? Have a question about fees? Please reach out to Booked Authors, who can answer any questions you might have about my programs: <https://bookedauthors.com/contact-us/>



Teachers and aides need to be present for presentations. This helps to ensure good behavior and allows for follow-up conversations and activities. And **please, please no cell phone use** during presentations – it distracts me and the students.

Supplies I Need:

- Screen with projection system or Smart Board to connect my computer to
- HDMI cable to connect my computer to projection system
- Internet connection (so my presentations work)
- Water to drink
- Microphone (only if in a large space like a gym or auditorium)
- A couple of display tables to show my books (optional but very nice to have)

