

Karen Avivi

author of high-adrenaline **teen fiction**

ABOUT KAREN AVIVI



Karen Avivi is the author of the young adult novel *Shredded*, published in 2013. Like the characters in her stories, Karen is active and adventurous by nature. She has tried surfing, skydiving, scuba diving, stunt classes, archery, winter camping, orienteering, mountaineering, mountain biking and backpacking. She enjoys using “book research” as an excuse to travel and try new things. Karen has traveled to Sydney, Australia where she tried skydiving; Tanzania, Africa where she summited Mt. Kilimanjaro; and the Patagonia region of Argentina where she spent five weeks seeing as much as possible, from penguins to a former hideout of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid.

Karen spent her childhood in Concord, Massachusetts where she lived within walking distance of Thoreau’s hut, learned to swim in Walden Pond, and attended Alcott Elementary school. She spent her teen years in the Chicago suburbs, graduated from the University of Illinois, and then moved to Montreal where she is a freelance marketing writer and novelist.

In addition to a Bachelor of Science/Chemistry Major degree in Liberal Arts and Science from the University of Illinois, Karen also holds a Certificate in Technical Communication from Concordia University.

Karen belongs to CANSCAIP—the Canadian Society of Children’s Authors, Illustrators and Performers, and is an active participant in the local Quebec chapter, Yes Oui CANSCAIP. Karen is also a member of SCBWI, the Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators, and has participated in workshops given by The Writer’s Union of Canada.

PRESENTATIONS

Karen is available to participate in author events, present workshops, and speak to book clubs in the Montreal area.

Her favourite topics include the following:

Writing and the Writing Process

- Write What You Don’t Know (Yet).
- Whose Head Are You In? The Importance of Point of View.

Adventure

- From Bucket List to Been There, Done That: Replacing Excuses with Plans.
- Removing Mental Roadblocks.

Other topics and formats can be accommodated upon request.