

Teeka Ballas Bio

Teeka Ballas is a writer of both fiction and nonfiction with occasional trips into poetry. Her goodiebox of past experiences include vast travels fueled by whim and a shoestring budget, explorations into "truth" through print and radio journalism, and explosions of exuberance on the stage and in the studio as a vocal artist. She was the co-founder of both *F Magazine*, an Alaska-wide arts and culture publication, and The Writer's Block, a bookstore, cafe and entertainment venue in Anchorage. These days between the quill and the ink, she teaches high school English and spends her summer months feigning retirement by hangin' with her wife, three dogs, three cats and abundant food garden, chasing the *joie de vivre* by composing new recipes, feeding the people she loves, and manically cooking, canning and drying everything into a preparation for winter.