

Alecia McKenzie



Alecia McKenzie was born in Kingston, Jamaica. She grew up there, and has also lived in the United States, Europe and Asia. She and her family are currently based in France.

Alecia's first book, *Satellite City*, won the regional Commonwealth Writers Prize for Best First Book. Her other works include *Stories from Yard*, *When the Rain Stopped in Natland* (a novella for young readers) and *Doctor's Orders*. Her latest book is *Sweetheart*, a novel (Peepal Tree Press, 2011).

As an artist, Alecia has participated in exhibitions in Alabama, New York, Brussels, London, and Singapore. In the past two years, she has held several exhibitions in Paris, including one to commemorate the 30th anniversary of Bob Marley's death. She believes that writing and painting come from the same source.