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Born and raised in Schaumburg, Illinois, Robin Wiszowaty currently splits her time between Toronto and her adoptive home of Kenya. A motivational speaker, community development worker and author, Robin has devoted her life to helping others.

Her curiosity about the disjoint between international development theory and fieldwork brought her to various villages, tribes and non-governmental organizations throughout Kenya and neighbouring countries.

Suddenly she found herself spending her days hauling water, evading giraffes and living in a tiny hut made of cow dung with her adoptive family in a Maasai village. Immersing herself in their culture and communicating solely in Swahili, she was forced to face issues she'd never considered: extreme poverty, drought, female circumcision, corruption—and discovering a love for a people in the most unexpected places.

Since then, Robin has made Kenya her home.

Her recent book, a memoir of her experiences called *My Maasai Life: From Suburbia to Savannah*, explores the personal side of many African struggles.



| **Highlights and Take-aways:** |

- ✓ *Excellent role model who relates especially well to girls and female audiences*
- ✓ *Insights on women's empowerment issues in developing countries*
- ✓ *Incredible personal story with an ability to link to important themes and issues*

| **Speech Topic:** |

My Maasai Life