

## About T.L. Higley, author of *Pompeii: City on Fire*

A fiction aficionado since grade school, T.L. Higley, author of *Pompeii: City on Fire* (B&H Publishing House, June 2011) started her first novel at the age of eight.

Now the author of nine historical fiction novels, including the popular Seven Wonders series, Higley isn't just transporting readers: She's transporting herself, too.

"My lifelong interest in history and mythology has taken me to Italy, Greece, Egypt, Rome, Turkey, Jordan and Israel, where I've gotten to study those ancient cultures in rich detail," says Higley.

"It's my desire to shine the light of the gospel into the cultures of the past, and I figure what better way to do that than to visit the cultures themselves?"



In addition to her accomplished novelist career, Higley is a business entrepreneur and a mother. In fact, for *Pompeii*, she brought her daughter along with her to Italy for the research trip.

"We gave it to her as a graduation present, not only because Italy is terrific, but because I believe in exposing children to global cultures," says Higley, who became a student herself again this year. She's now a graduate student at American Public University, earning her master's degree in Ancient and Classical Studies.

When Higley isn't traveling on research trips, writing her novels, or studying for class, she operates four online retail companies, including KoolStuff4Kids.com – a family-run business that began as a way for her oldest daughter to make some extra money for camp. Today, it is a go-to site for parents, children and teachers all over the country, looking for beads and other kid-friendly craft supplies.

Higley lives with her husband and her three other children (aforementioned daughter now in college) just outside Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. For more information or to read "Tracy's Travel's" blog, please visit [www.thigley.com](http://www.thigley.com).

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