

Biography
Cinda Williams Chima
YA Fantasy Author

Cinda Williams Chima comes from a long line of fortune-tellers, musicians, and spinners of tales. She began writing romance novels in middle school, which were often confiscated by her English teacher. Her first novel is *The Warrior Heir*, a modern young adult fantasy set in Ohio (Hyperion, 2006). A sequel, *The Wizard Heir*, was released in May, 2007, and her third novel, *The Dragon Heir*, debuts in Fall, 2008.

The Warrior Heir was named to *Voya's* Best Science Fiction and Fantasy 2005-2006, is a 2006 Booksense Summer Reading Pick, was named to the 2007-2008 Lone Star Reading List, and was a finalist for the 2006 Great Lakes Book Award. *Warrior Heir* received a starred review in the *Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books* and a "Perfect Ten" (5Q, 5P) in *Voya*. *The Wizard Heir* also received a "Perfect Ten" from *Voya*.

Chima is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University and the University of Akron, where she now teaches. Chima is an active member of the Society for Children's Book Writers and Illustrators and the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America. She has been a workshop leader and speaker at writing conferences, including the Northern Ohio SCBWI Conference, the Western Reserve Writers' Conference, and the Skyline Writing Conference. She frequently speaks to young writers and readers at schools and libraries nationwide.

Chima lives in Ohio with her husband and two sons, and is always working on her next novel.