

Cinda Williams Chima Extended Biography

New York Times and *USA Today* bestselling author Cinda Williams Chima nearly failed first grade because she was always daydreaming. By junior high, she got in trouble for writing novels in class. Yet the magic of books took her from first grade failure to first generation college graduate to college professor to bestselling author.

Her Heir Chronicles young adult contemporary fantasy series includes *The Warrior Heir*, *The Wizard Heir*, *The Dragon Heir*, *The Enchanter Heir* and *The Sorcerer Heir* all from Hyperion.

Chima's young adult high fantasy Seven Realms series (Hyperion) include *The Demon King* (2009), *The Exiled Queen* (2010) *The Gray Wolf Throne* (2011) and *The Crimson Crown* 2012.) *The Shattered Realms* (HarperTeen,) follows a new generation in the world of the Seven Realms, and includes *Flamecaster*, *Shadowcaster*, *Stormcaster*, and *Deathcaster*.

Her newest series, *The Runestone Saga*, launched in Nov. 2022 with *Children of Ragnarok*, and concludes with *The Bane of Asgard*, available Oct. 22, 2024. Set in the Midlands after Ragnarok, it marries Norse mythology and witchcraft with swordplay, axeplay, longships, romance, and cut-throat politics.

Chima's books have received starred reviews in *Kirkus* and VOYA, among others. They have been named Booksense and Indie Next picks, an International Reading Association Young Adult Choice, a New York Public Library Book for the Teen Age, to the *Kirkus* Best YA lists, and the VOYA Editors' Choice, Best Science Fiction, Fantasy and Horror, and Perfect Tens lists. They appear on numerous state reading lists and have won the South Carolina and Ohio Teen Book Awards. Translation rights have been sold in numerous countries overseas.

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