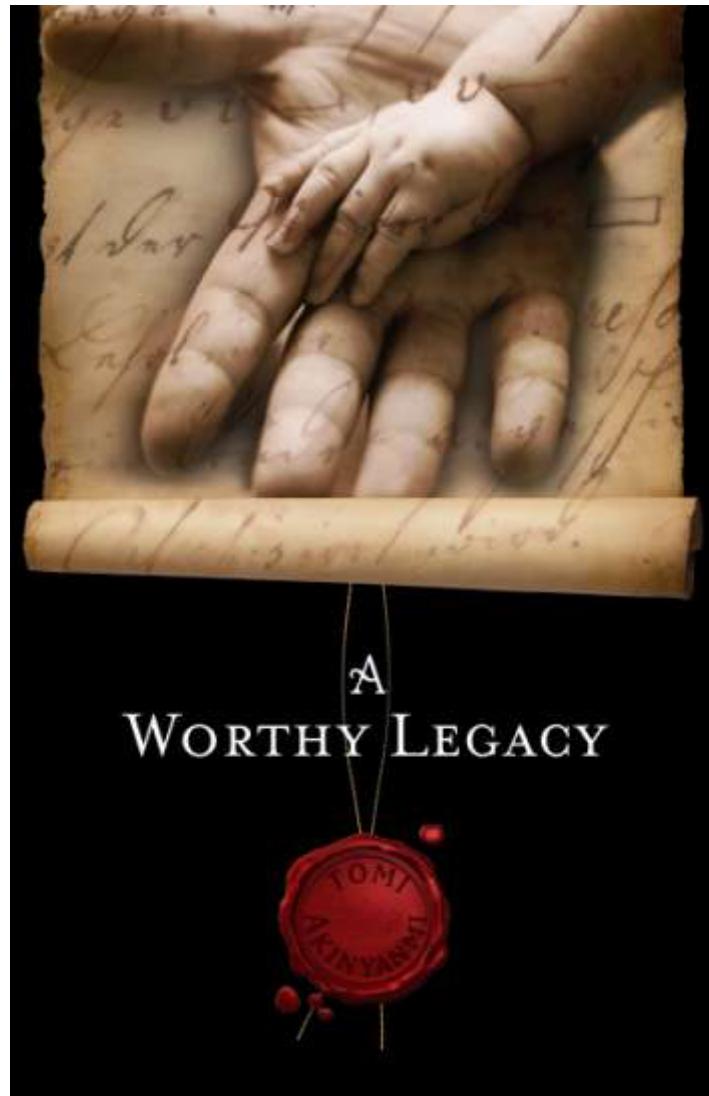


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Synopsis

Amid the hustle of the modern world, a young girl goes to the village of her family and finds herself learning a valuable lesson about the value of life and love in, *A Worthy Legacy* the first book from author Tomi Akinyanmi After making the departure from the hustle and technology of the modern world, Tomi finds herself making a journey into her past as she returns to her village, to join her family at her grandfather's deathbed. As she and the rest of her family say their goodbyes, Tomi's grandfather shares with them the secrets of his long life and passes on to them what he has learned about living life, rather than merely surviving it.

But as time passes, Tomi finds herself with the challenge of living up to her grandfather's words in her everyday life. Can Tomi find the connection between her grandfather's inspirational words spoken in his simple village context and apply these ideals in the hurried pace of her world?

'A Worthy Legacy' is a book far greater than its sum of parts; a moral guide that does not preach or command, but simply presents a code for life with a confidence and credibility that allows the reader to relate to and apply its philosophies. This author takes her readers on a journey of discovery and they both learn the secrets to happiness, love and fulfillment of dreams which is grandpa's very worthy legacy.

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Author Information

Tomi (aka Ibitomilade) discovered her enthusiasm for writing at an early age, and has been writing for over twenty years. Though poetry is her first love, Tomi was inspired by personal experiences to create “A Worthy Legacy” as her first book.

Tomi’s works which include “Voices in the Wind” winner of the inaugural Voices Anthology Contest sponsored by The Voices Anthology Network have been featured both online and in print.

Tomi also loves to draw and sing. Samples of her work are posted on her website www.tomi-akinyanmmi.com . She also maintains a blog at <http://tomiakinyanmi.wordpress.com>

Publishing Credits

- Voices in the wind (This poem won the inaugural VoicesNet – Voices Network International poetry contest and was subsequently published in the VoicesNet anthology in April 2003 and also online at - <http://www.voicesnet.org/VoicesAnthology1Finalists.htm>)
- I don’t belong (http://bml.uoregon.edu/treasurepages/poetry_nov.html)
- Confused (published in May/June 2005 edition of Northern Stars)
- Agony of the aborted child (www.voicesnet.org - <http://www.voicesnet.org/displayonepoem.aspx?poemid=46860>)
- The Conflict (published online at poetsindia.com - <http://poetsindia.com/cgi-bin/myownview.cgi?title=The+Conflict&firstname=Ibitomilade+Adejuyigbe&category=Mind&opt=viewauthorcont&todisp=&domainname=Ibitomilade+Adejuyigbe>)
- Soul Mate (published in August 2004 in Free focus). Also online at http://www.geocities.com/poetsforever/poetry00/adejuyigbe_soul.html
- Message of the stars (published in August 2004 in Free focus)
- Mismatched (published in August 2004 in Free focus). Also online at <http://gallery.poetshaven.com/singlepage.php?html=bookcontents.php&footer=1§ion=14&page=421>
- The Farewell (published in July/Aug 2005 edition of Northern Stars, online)
- Invisible crowd (published in Soul fountain Vol #24 Winter 2005)
- How Facebook transcended the world of Web2.0 <http://ezinearticles.com/?How-Facebook-Transcended-the-World-of-Web-2.0&id=1319430>

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Quotes and Reviews

'There are no clever words here, no trickery. There are no promises of redemption or divine forgiveness; just the quiet last words of a man who has lived honorably. In today's world of selfishness and excess, those words carry a reverberation that will touch every reader'. (Carlie Lee, *Penfriends, UK*)

"Life can be a confusing journey. There are so many choices and paths that can be taken that the true things in life that matter get jumbled and skewed. Sometimes the only way one can find clarity is the guidance of someone with experience.

In "A Worthy Legacy", the protagonist is a granddaughter of one of the village leaders in Boluwaji. The summons to be by his bedside for his death goes out and she hurries from the city to arrive before his last breath. She arrives home in time and is there to hear his last thoughts to his family. What he says are uncommon common sense. Her grandfather speaks on many topics such as character, learning from the past, the nature of man and how to properly wield power.

This story is a peek into a different culture as plural marriages and bowing or kneeling before elders generally doesn't happen in the United States. Unfortunately, many of the lessons the story's grandfather teaches aren't taught here either.

This is a gentle story that speaks of life and the little things that make a big difference. The story is written with great love and tenderness that is rarely seen. This is a quick read and would make a nice gift for life changing events."
(Sabrina Sumsion, Premier Book Reviews)

A legacy is something that is handed down from one generation to the next. A legacy is a gift, a treasure, not always of monetary value, that holds some significant meaning. Tomi is about to receive such a legacy. Her grandfather is a well-respected member of the community, and head of the family is lying on his deathbed. The family gathers around to hear his last words, and to pay their respects to a man they hold dear in their hearts. His last words hold great meanings, meanings that can only be understood by those who care to think about them. The words are not about regrets, or a life well lived, but on how to live a good life.

A Worthy Legacy is a story about life and the passing of wisdom from one generation to the next. The author combines the last wise words of her beloved grandfather together, along with a few of her own thoughts to create a compelling story about real life. There are some wise insights to the meaning of life, and other key points that affect the quality of the life that one chooses to live.

A Worthy Legacy is simple read that explains some of the meanings of life. It is a good read and is **highly recommended**.
(Margaret Orford, Allbooks Review.)

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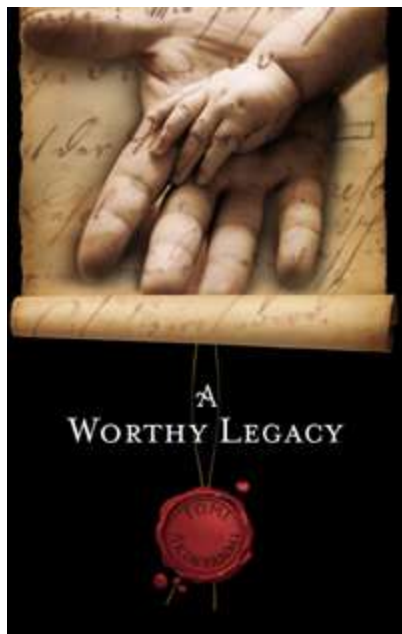
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The Harmattan wind scorches across Nigeria, and an old man lies dying. His community gathers to pay its respects; their haunting songs echoing in the warm twilight. Around his bed his family is gathered and they listen as he speaks his last words. Yet in the face of death this old man doesn't talk of regrets, neither does he talk of petty grievances, instead he talks softly about life; how to survive, how to be happy and how to achieve self-respect. 'A Worthy Legacy' is a book far greater than its sum of parts; a moral guide that does not preach or command, but simply presents a code for life with a confidence and credibility that allows the reader to relate to and apply its philosophies.

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