

**November 11, 2008**

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Words can be hugely powerful .....

**October 14 2008, Princeton, NJ**— When author Tomi Akinyanmi lost her father suddenly in a car accident, she longed to have him speak one last time. Now, Akinyanmi gives him that chance as she reveals one man’s practical wisdom for living life to the fullest in “A Worthy Legacy,” her remarkable and moving new book just released by Tommie Books.

Now available through the books website ([www.aworthylegacy.com/buy.htm](http://www.aworthylegacy.com/buy.htm)) and major online book sellers, “A Worthy Legacy” is an intensely personal story with a powerful and universal resonance. In it, Tomi puts herself in the place of a granddaughter who journeys from Lagos to the Nigerian village of her childhood on news her grandfather is ill. He’s on his deathbed, and as Tomi and her family say their goodbyes, the old man begins to share the secrets of his long life and happiness.

These eloquent last words express her grandfather’s beliefs on happiness, honor, dreams and giving and receiving love. Far from the ramblings of an old man, the brief speeches amount to a code for life that’s neither preachy nor commanding. “I have no diamonds to leave as inheritances to you,” he tells his family gathered around him. “What I have to give are words, and they are more precious than any other thing I could give to you.”

As she listens to her grandfather hold forth on subjects from character to perseverance, Tomi marvels at his dignity in facing death not with pettiness but with the fulfillment of having lived a life that he did not regret. After his death, Tomi finds herself applying her grandfather’s words in her everyday life. Her grandfather's inspirational words became the code to live the reality of a hurried, big-city existence and she realizes that words are indeed powerful.

As Tomi strives to make a final connection with her father, both she and readers will discover the secrets to achieving their dreams, happiness and love – secrets that indeed are her father’s very worthy legacy.

“A Worthy Legacy” is now available through Ingram, Baker & Taylor, Amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, Alibris, Powells ,various books stores online as well as on the books website, at [www.aworthylegacy.com/buy.htm](http://www.aworthylegacy.com/buy.htm) .

**Book Information**

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**About the Author:** Tomi Akinyanmi has been writing for over twenty years. Though poetry was her first love, Tomi was inspired by personal experience to create “A Worthy Legacy” as her first work of prose. Tomi’s works include “Voices in the Wind,” which won first place in the inaugural Voices Anthology Contest sponsored by The Voices Anthology Network. She lives in Princeton, New Jersey.

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**About Tommie Books:** Tommie Books is an independent publisher located in Princeton, New Jersey. Founded in 2008, Tommie Books (a division of TomLex Ventures LLC) seeks the promotion and development of emerging authors.

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**Author's Debut Makes Hot New Releases List on Amazon.com**

*Tomi Akinyanmi's debut Novel "A Worthy Legacy" published by Tommie Books was listed as one of Amazon's Hot New Releases in the Self-Help category on January 10 2009.*

PRINCETON, NJ, January 11, 2009 - Released in October 2008, "A Worthy Legacy" a truly remarkable and moving book, which recently received 5 star reviews ratings from both Reader Views ([www.readerviews.com](http://www.readerviews.com)) and Rawsistaz Reviewers ([www.rawsistaz.com](http://www.rawsistaz.com)) reveals one man's practical wisdom for living life to the fullest.

An intensely personal story with a powerful universal resonance, "A Worthy Legacy" chronicles the story of a granddaughter who journeys to the Nigerian village of her childhood to join the rest of her family by her grandfather's deathbed. As the family say their goodbyes, the old man begins to share the secrets of his long life and happiness.

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Grandpa's brief speeches holds forth on subjects from character to perseverance, as he faces death with dignity and with the fulfillment of having lived a life that he did not regret.

Readers will discover the secrets to achieving their dreams, happiness and love in "A Worthy Legacy".

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"A Worthy Legacy" (ISBN: 978-0-615-21116-9/978-0-615-19619-0) can be purchased through local and online bookstores. For more information, visit [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). Publicity contact: [www.tommiebooks.com](http://www.tommiebooks.com). Review copies available upon request.

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**A Worthy Legacy" by Tomi Akinyanmi Wins Second Place,  
in Reader Views Annual Literary Awards.**

*“Author Tomi Akinyanmi's debut book "A Worthy Legacy" wins second place in the Spirituality/Inspiration as well as the Young Adult Non-Fiction Categories in the 2008 Reader Views Literary Awards.*

(Austin, Texas) **“A Worthy Legacy” author Tomi Akinyanmi’s debut book** (ISBN: 9780615196190 (Hardcover); 9780615211169 (Paperback) Tommie Books, 2008) was selected as the second in the Spirituality/Inspiration as well as the Young Adult Non-Fiction Categories of 2008 by Reader Views Annual Literary Awards – Reviewers Choice. The annual awards were established to honor writers who self-published or had their books published by a small press, university press, or independent book publisher.

“Reader Views reviews more than 2,000 books per year from budding authors who have worked hard to achieve their dream of being published,” Reader Views Managing Editor Irene Watson says. “Our Annual Literary Awards recognize the very best of these up-and-coming authors, all talented writers who we know have very promising writing careers ahead of them.”

The Reader Views Annual Literary Awards are granted in fiction and nonfiction categories, as well as regional, global and specialized, sponsored categories. The entries are first read and judged by Reader Views reviewers, all avid readers with a wide range of experiences, considered experts in the respective fields. The second line judges make the final decision.

Reader Views is currently accepting submissions for the 2009 Literary Awards. Entry information, registration forms and further information can be found online at <http://www.readerviews.com/Awards.html>. Reader Views is an Austin, Texas, based company.

About “A Worthy Legacy”

“A Worthy Legacy” tells the story of a granddaughter who journeys to the Nigerian village of her childhood to join the rest of her family by her grandfather deathbed. As the family say their goodbyes, the old man begins to share the secrets of his long life and happiness. Holding forth on subjects from character to perseverance, grandpa faces death with dignity and with the fulfillment of having lived a life that he did not regret.

An intensely personal story with a powerful universal resonance, readers will discover the secrets to achieving their dreams, happiness and love in “A Worthy Legacy”.

“A Worthy Legacy” (ISBN: 9780615196190 (Hardcover); 9780615211169(Paperback) Tommie Books, 2008) may be purchased at [www.aworthylegacy.com](http://www.aworthylegacy.com) or any online or local book store.

Watch the book trailer on Youtube (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQOWRcQvvnU>)