

Cynthia Chin-Lee

"I was in the sixth grade when I wrote poetry that I shared with my teachers; they encouraged me."



Cynthia Chin-Lee was born and raised in Washington, DC, the youngest of five children. Her father is a medical doctor, and her mother an artist. Cynthia picked up a pen and began writing for fun when she was in the sixth grade. "I liked writing poetry and scribbling in my journal because I found it comforting and therapeutic. I still write for that reason and because I like playing with words."

Cynthia attended Harvard University, where she studied East Asian Languages. She spent her junior year abroad at the Mandarin Training Center of National Taiwan Normal University. After graduating from Harvard *magna cum laude*, Cynthia accepted a graduate fellowship at the East-West Center in Honolulu, Hawaii, and studied at the University of Hawaii.

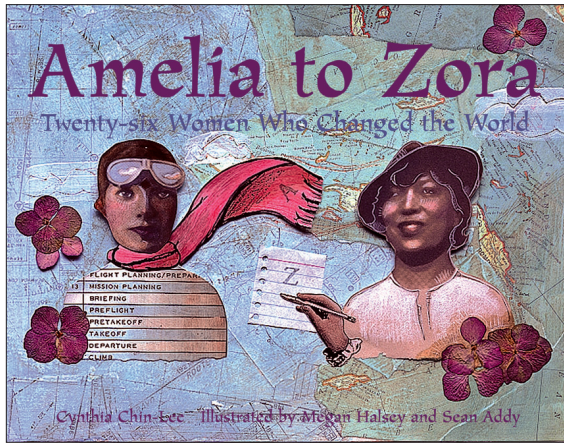
She began her career doing technical writing for banks and high-tech companies. She has also written freelance articles for magazines and newspapers, and has taught writing classes at community colleges and universities. She currently works as a technical writer for Sun Microsystems.

Cynthia's first book, *Almond Cookies & Dragon Well Tea* (Polychrome Publishing), is an autobiographical tale of friendship. She is also the author of *A Is for Asia* (Orchard Books), which *Ruminator Review* called one of the "Best 100 American Children's Books of the Century," and *A Is for the Americas* (Orchard Books), which was an NCSS/CBC Notable Children's Book in Social Studies in 2000.

Amelia to Zora: Twenty-six Women Who Changed the World, illustrated by Megan Halsey and Sean Addy, was Cynthia's first book with Charlesbridge. It was included in the Amelia Bloomer Project, was on the CCBC Choices for 2006, and won the Legacy Book Award. It was selected by the NCSS and CBC as a Notable Social Studies Book for Young Readers, and the IRA and CBC named it a Children's Choice for 2006. It was also named one of the best books of 2005 by the Association of Booksellers for Children. Cynthia followed the success of *Amelia to Zora* with a companion book—*Akira to Zoltán: Twenty-six Men Who Changed the World*.

Cynthia lives in Palo Alto, California, with her husband and two children.

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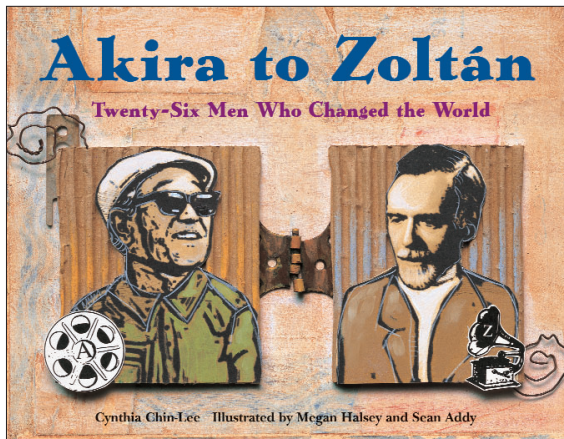
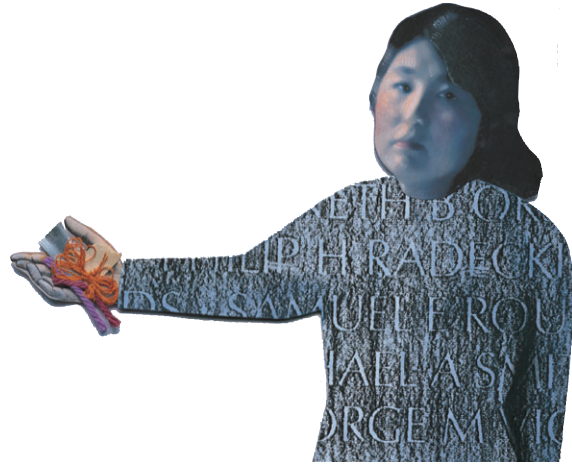


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