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Martha Attema

author of *Hero*

Martha Attema was born and raised in the Netherlands and grew up on a farm in Friesland. In 1981, her family, husband and three children, moved to Canada. The first few years were not easy, especially when they didn't speak English very well. When she returned to university to obtain her teaching degree, she also started taking courses in creative writing. After many years of practicing her new language and her writing skills, her dream of becoming a published author came true. In 1995, she published her first Y.A. novel *A Time to Choose*.

"I would like to encourage young people to follow their dreams, to never give up."



Selected Awards

A Time to Choose, winner of The Blue Heron Book Award 1996; nominated for The Geoffrey Bilson Award for Historical Fiction 1996, and The Arthur Ellis Award 1996

A Light in the Dunes, nominated for The Blue Heron Book Award, The Red Maple Award

When the War is Over, nominated for MYCRA 2003

Hero, nominated for The Silver Birch Award, The Rocky Mountain Book Award

Some Other Books by Martha Attema

A Time to Choose, Orca 1995

A Light in the Dunes, Orca 1997

Daughter of Light, Orca 2001

When the War is Over, Orca 2002

The Paper Wagon, Orca 2005