



## **BERNICE AGYEKWENA**

### **AUTHOR'S BIO**

Bernice Agyekwena has always had a passion for stories and as a child spent lots of time reading children's books growing up. Now, she revisits her childhood passion, not as a reader but a contributor to the world of YA fiction and fantasy by creating her own version of African fairy tales that are deeply rooted in African myths and cultural practices, **The Beardless Man of Tornabia & Other Stories**, which is out now!

Born in Ghana, Bernice received her primary and secondary education in Tamale and moved to Accra to attend the Ghana Institute of Journalism from where she graduated with a Diploma in Journalism. After serving a two year mandatory National Service with the Ghana News Agency, she joined the organization in 1991 during which period she covered several issues ranging from politics, health, economics and agriculture to issues on the environment, climate change, culture and human rights.

Bernice holds a Masters Degree in Social Communication from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and a Bachelors Degree in Social Science from the same university. She was a Gates fellow at the Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism, University of California in the 2010/2011 academic year during which she participated in the African Reporting Project.

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