



**Alda P. Dobbs** is the author of the upcoming novel *Barefoot Dreams of Petra Luna* (Sourcebooks, Fall 2021). Her first novel tells the journey of twelve-year-old Petra Luna and her family as they flee the horrors of the Mexican Revolution in 1913. The novel was inspired by the experiences Alda's great-grandmother endured during the Mexican Revolution and as a refugee in the United States. Alda's writings have won various awards including the Barbara Deming Memorial Fund Award, the Joan Lowry Nixon Award, and the Sustainable Arts Foundation Grant. In addition to her novel, Alda has written articles for *Highlights Children's Magazine*, *Guideposts*, and *La Prensa* newspaper.

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