



Alda P. Dobbs

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About the Author

Alda was born in a small town in northern Mexico but moved to San Antonio, Texas.

Before starting her writing career Dobbs ...

- Served in the US Air Force
- Studied physics
- Worked as a civil engineer.

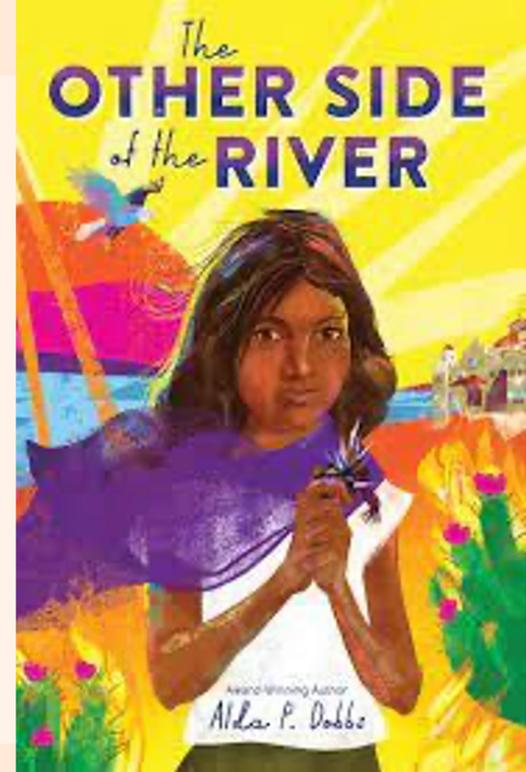
Why Dobbs started writing...

- “She’s as passionate about connecting children to their past, their communities, different cultures and nature as she is about writing” (do2010.com, 2020)



Summary

After escaping the Federales at 12 years old, Petra has to navigate leaving her extended family and home in Mexico. Petra has to support her abuelita, little sister and baby brother, on their journey to San Antonio, Texas. Along the way Petra has to lead her family through a refugee camp with a case of smallpox. With a ton of hard work Petra manages to help her family finally reach San Antonio. Feeling excited for the new city Petra is hit with the harsh reality of what it is like to be an immigrant in America.

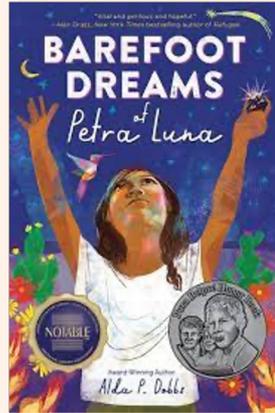


Awards Won

Award

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In 2022, Alda P. Dobbs was the recipient of the Pura Belpré Award. The Pura Belpré Award is a recognition presented to a Latino or Latina author and illustrator whose work best portrays the Latinx cultural experience in a work of literature for children or youth.

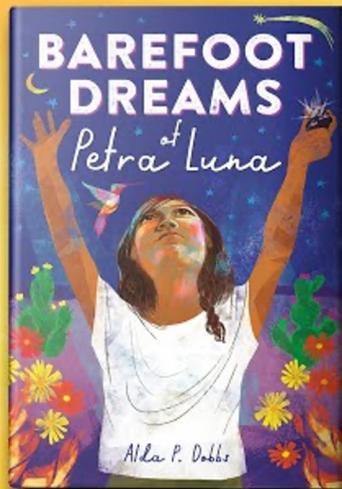


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Her story telling earned her the awards “Barbara Deming Memorial Fund Award, the Joan Lowry Nixon Award, and the Sustainable Arts Foundation Grant.”

Interviews with Alba P. Dobbs



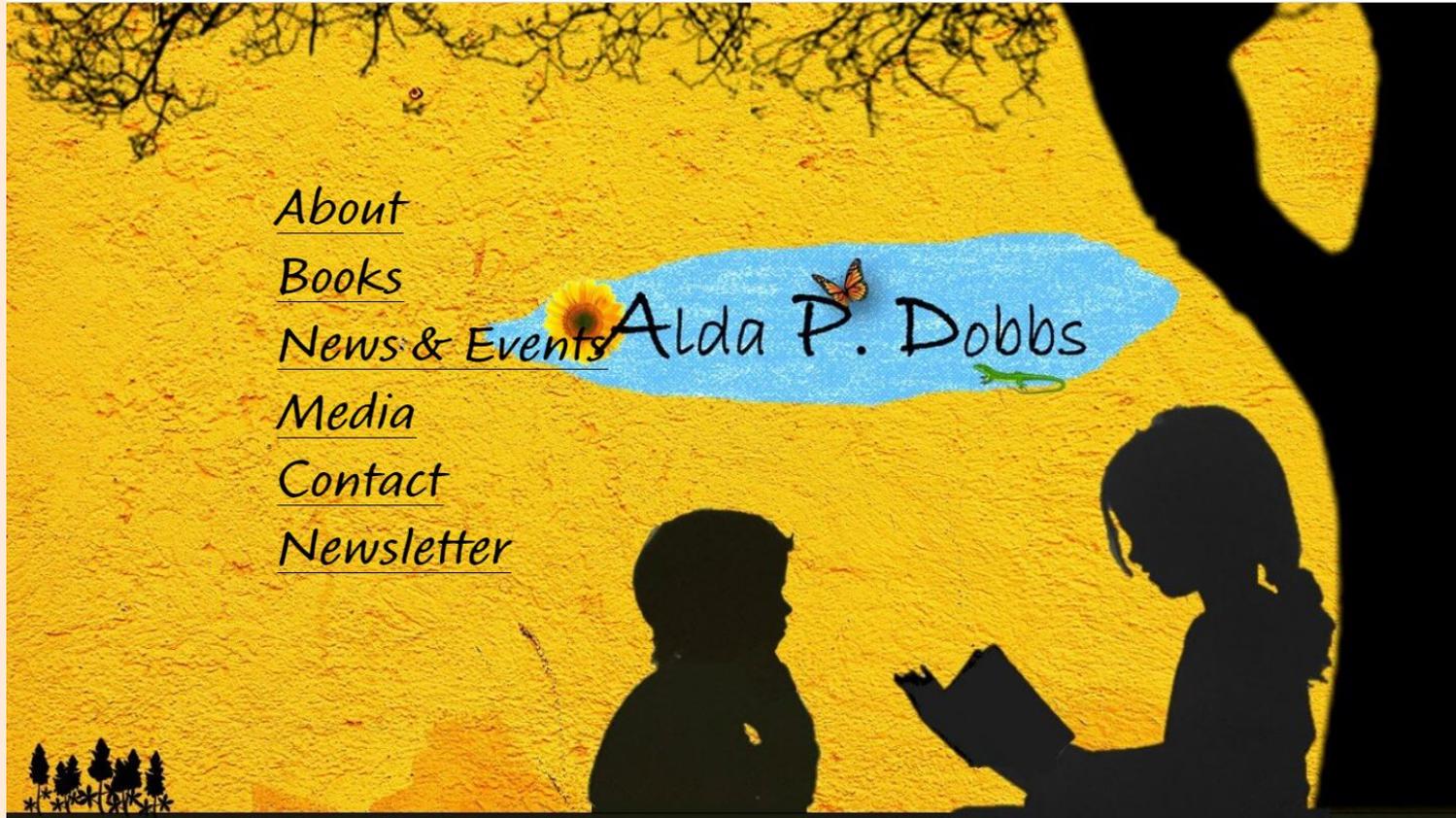
“What advice would you give to your younger self? Is this the same you'd give to aspiring authors?”

I'd say to be patient with yourself. Understand that writing takes time to learn, and the publishing business is not a swift one. Hang in there. But also keep in mind that once the contract is signed, things move **VERY** fast.” (Alda P. Dobbs, KidLit411)

—Alda P. Dobbs



To learn more about Alda P. Dobbs
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