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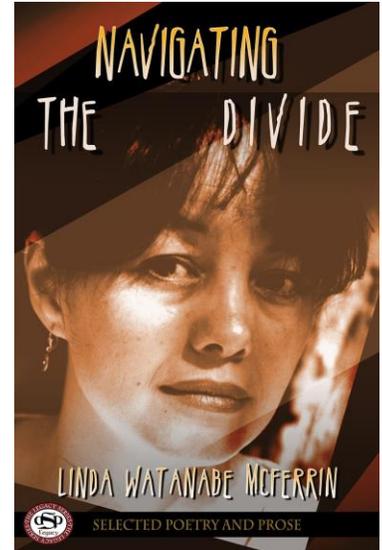
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Linda Watanabe McFerrin is the author of two poetry collections, two novels, a collection of award-winning short stories, and a travel guidebook. Her literary honors include the Katherine Anne Porter Prize for Fiction and various travel writing, poetry, and fiction awards. Her latest novel, *Dead Love* (Stone Bridge Press, 2009), was a Bram Stoker Award Finalist for Superior Achievement in a Novel. The founder of Left Coast Writers, Watanabe McFerrin has taught and mentored a long list of writers toward publication and is a beloved figure in California’s rich, historic literary culture.

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