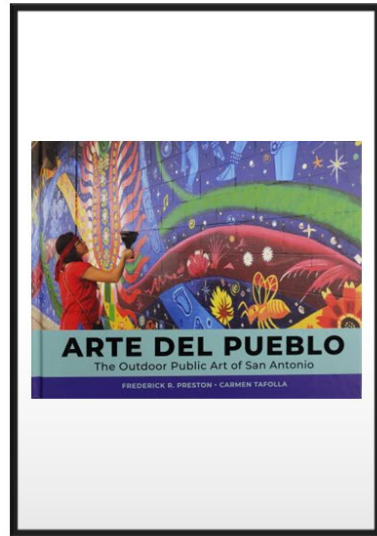
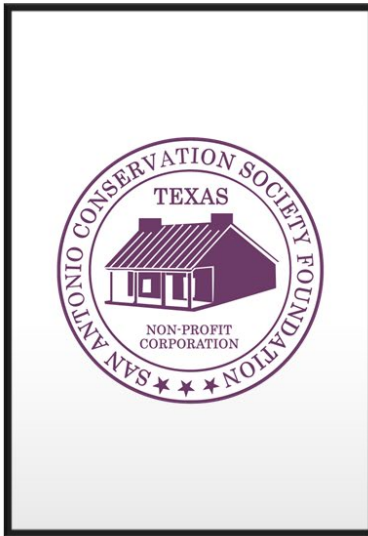


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**Dr. Carmen Tafolla** is the award-winning author of more than 40 books. A native of the West-Side barrios of San Antonio, Tafolla was named the first City Poet Laureate of San Antonio in 2012 and State Poet Laureate of Texas in 2015. Her work both in print and onstage internationally has focused on the rich cultures and histories of San Antonio and has emphasized messages of cultural and individual affirmation. Publishers' Weekly, in a starred review, praised her 40<sup>th</sup> book, *Warrior Girl*, a novel-in-verse set in San Antonio, for its "messages about the importance of family and friends, social justice, and using one's voice to incite change." The recipient of numerous awards, including the Texas Institute of Letters' Lifetime Achievement Award; The Art of Peace; seven International Latino Book Awards; The Hispanic Journalists' Association's Corazón de Oro Award, and "Top Ten Books for Babies" by the Fred Rogers Corporation, Tafolla credits her inspiration to "the voices of ancestors whispering over my shoulder."