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For anyone troubled by the broader tensions between Islam and the West, this personal story distills this friction into the context of a family relationship--a journey all the more fascinating. While a conversation is desperately needed in America between Christians and Muslims, *Undivided* offers a real-time conversation to follow.

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About the Author

Patricia Raybon is the award-winning author of *I Told the Mountain to Move*, a 2006 Book of the Year finalist in *Christianity Today* magazine's annual book awards competition; and *My First White Friend*, her racial forgiveness memoir that won the Christopher Award. She is also author of the One Year® devotional, *God's Great Blessings*. A journalist by training, Patricia has written essays on family and faith, which have been published in the *New York Times Sunday Magazine*, *Newsweek*, *Chicago Tribune*, *USA Today*, *USA Weekend*, and *In Touch* of In Touch Ministries; and aired on National Public Radio. She is also a regular contributor to *Today's Christian Woman* online magazine.

With degrees in journalism from Ohio State University and the University of Colorado at Boulder, Patricia worked a dozen years as a newspaper journalist for the *Denver Post* and the *Rocky Mountain News*. She later joined the journalism faculty at the University of Colorado at Boulder, where for fifteen years she taught print journalism. Patricia now writes full-time on "mountain-moving faith."

Patricia and her husband, Dan, are longtime residents of Colorado and have two grown daughters and five grandchildren. Founder of the Writing Ministry at her Denver church, Patricia coaches and encourages aspiring authors around the country and is a member of the Colorado Authors League and the Authors Guild.

Alana Raybon is a seasoned elementary- and middle-school educator. During the past ten years, she has served as a third-to-seventh-grade lead teacher to a diverse population in Texas and more recently in Tennessee. She has been a mentor to new and student teachers, an advisor to a school's accreditation process, a tutor, and a member of various school-related committees. Alana and her husband parent their three young children and a teenage stepson. She was featured with her mother in a May 2011 Mother's Day reflection in *Glamour* magazine

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