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Deborah Adero Ferguson, also known as, The Dancing Story Lady, is a native of Chicago, Illinois, and a professional actress, dancer, storyteller, and arts educator with over forty years of experience in the performing and literary arts.

She has studied traditional dance, storytelling, folklore, and music in the African countries of Kenya, Senegal, Gambia and the Ivory Coast through grants awarded by the National Endowment for the Arts. She has performed at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the Smithsonian Museums in Washington, D.C.; the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, Tennessee; the Barter Theatre in Abingdon, Virginia; the National Black Storytelling Festivals and at schools, universities, theatres, and festivals nationwide. She has received numerous writing awards and her poetry and one of her stage plays have been published and performed nationally. Deborah Adero Ferguson holds a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies and master's degree in English: Creative Writing from the University of South Alabama.

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