

# National Museum of the American Indian: Día de los Muertos Book List

El Dia de los Muertos by Mary Dodson Wade

Reading level: 0-5 years | ISBN13: 9780516224930

The popular Rookie Books expand their horizons - to all corners of the globe! With this series all about geography, emergent readers will take off on adventures to cities, nations, waterways, and habitats around the world...and right in their own backyards.

## Day of the Dead by Tony Johnston

Reading Level: 5-7 years | ISBN13: 9780152024468

Above a small town in Mexico, the sun rises like a great marigold, and one family begins preparations for an annual celebration, El Día de los Muertos, the Day of the Dead. Soon they will go out into the night, join their neighbors, and walk to the graveyard to welcome the spirits of their loved ones home again. Framed by decorative borders and peppered with Spanish words, Day of the Dead is a glorious introduction to a fascinating celebration.

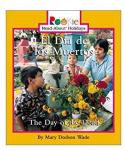
## **Ghost Wings by Barbara Joosse**

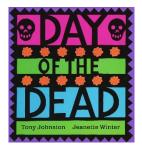
Reading Level: 5-7 years | ISBN13 : 9780811821643

Set in Mexico amidst the monarch butterflies' annual migration and during the Days of the Dead, *Ghost Wings* is the touching story of a little girl whose very best friend is her grandmother. But one spring, Grandmother becomes thin as smoke. When she dies, Papa says, "When you love someone they never really leave." But to the little girl, Grandmother seems impossibly far away. Who will sing to her? Who will chase the monsters from under her bed? Then, during the Days of the Dead, something extraordinary happens that brings Papa's words vividly to life.

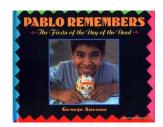
## Pablo Remembers: The Fiesta of the Day of the Dead by George Ancona Reading level: 5-7 years | ISBN13: 978068811249

From October 31 to November 2, people in Mexico celebrate the festival of el Dia de Los Muertos, the Day of the Dead. This photodocumentary follows Pablo and his family as they prepare to honor the memory of Pablo's grandmother. Also available in a Spanish Language edition, *Pablo Recuerda*.









#### Festival de las Calaveras: The Little-Bitty Book for the Day of the Dead (English and Spanish Edition) by Luis San Vicente Reading Level: 5-7 years | ISBN13: 9780938317678

Mexico's Day of the Dead fascinates U.S readers, whether for its joyful celebration of an unusual tradition or because it simply feels like home. San Vicente lets children join the celebration as they watch the skeletons rock, rattle, and roll those long old bones as they get ready for the biggest event of their social calendar. The works of Mexico City artist Luis San Vicente have been exhibited in Mexico, Venezuela, Europe, and the United States.

Gift For Abuelita: Celebrating the Day of the Dead / Un regalo para Abuelita: En celebracion del Dia de los Muertos (English, Multilingual and Spanish Edition) by Nancy Luenn

Reading Level: 7-12 years | ISBN13: 9780873586887

The love and rituals surrounding the Mexican folk holiday— The Day of the Dead.

## Funny Bones: Posada and His Day of the Dead Calaveras by Duncan Tonatiuh

Reading Level: 7-12 years | ISBN13: 9781419716478

Funny Bones tells the story of how calaveras came to be. The amusing figures are the creation of Mexican artist José Guadalupe (Lupe) Posada (1852–1913. In a country that was not known for freedom of speech, he drew political cartoons, much to the amusement of the local population but not that of the politicians. He continued to draw cartoons, but he is best known today for his calavera drawings. Award-winning author and illustrator Duncan Tonatiuh relates the pivotal moments of Lupe's life and explains the different artistic processes he used. Juxtaposing his own artwork with Lupe's, Tonatiuh brings to light the remarkable life and work of a man beloved by many but whose name has remained in obscurity.

## **Days of the Dead by Kathryn Lasky, Christopher G. Knight (Illustrator)** Reading Level: 7-12 years | ISBN13: 9780786800223

Many cultures have celebrations that commemorate their ancestors. Mexico's celebration, los Dias de Muertos, the Days of the Dead, can be like a carnival. Young people throng the streets dressed up in ghoulish costumes.





