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The Day Of The Dead / El Dia De Los Muertos



Synopsis

Follow two children as they celebrate their ancestors on this vibrant holiday. They offer marigolds, sugar skulls, and special bread, and make delicious foods. By spreading marigold petals, they guide the dead home to join the festivities. Finally, after singing and dancing, it's time for bed. Bob Barner's luscious collages incorporate the traditional symbols of Day of the Dead. His poetic text is both English and Spanish. An author's note provides additional information on the holiday.

Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

Customer Reviews

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I have to preface this review with the fact that I did NOT buy this book for the story. The story is

pretty basic and simple with both a Spanish and English text on every page describing the dia de los muertos traditions. I'm not rating for the story though. I am an art teacher and saw a lesson plan involving this book online so I purchased it to give the lesson a try. It was a huge success and I am so happy to have the illustrations from this book to use. They are gorgeous and colorful!

I don't know if I checked for the, "check inside this book," option or if that's even available anymore, but I wish it was and I should have. I wasn't too impressed with this. While it is very colorful, the writing is very simplistic and the translation isn't all that great, well, I guess it was but the material just wasn't that original to begin with. I don't feel it gave any history or help, just a basic, "we celebrate our ancestors, we put up an altar, and a couple other things." There you have it, other than the illustrations, that's pretty much the book, oh, and written in Spanish too...

I used this book in both second and fourth grade classes for our lesson on Day of the Dead. The kids loved the illustrations and it opened up a lively conversation about the annual celebration. I will be using this for years to come

Such a fun and kid friendly book that is perfect for teaching Dia de los Muertos to kids.

Wonderful book. Beautifully illustrated and provided a good understanding of El Dia De Los Muertos for kids. I did a presentation for my granddaughter's second grade class and read this book, as well as talking a bit about the celebration and showing pictures I took in Oaxaca. They loved it! I actually bought two of these books so I could donated one to her classroom.

If you're even thinking about this book, then you need it. I was desperately looking for a book like this and I am so happy I found one. Well beyond my expectations!

This is a great book, the pictures are colorful and vibrant and very easy to read.

This book is great for children. It is written so they can understand the idea easily. The pictures are nice and colorful and Not creepy at all (which can be of concern for small children). My four children all really liked it!

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