**DIA DE LOS MUERTOS BOOKLIST 2023**

1. **¡CELEBRA EL DIA DE LOS MUERTOS! BY DIANE ANDA** 
   * Cristina is excited to celebrate Día de los Muertos with her brother, Carlos, and their family. Young readers can follow along as everyone gets ready to remember their loved ones who are no longer with them.
2. **LA DIVINA CATRINA BY ARACELY DE ALVARADO** 
   * This bilingual picture book told in verse familiarizes children with the Mexican Catrina, an iconic figure representing death known to many through Day of the Dead celebrations. Claudia Navarro's richly textured, playful illustrations will enthrall kids ages 4-8 and inspire their creativity in fashioning just the right costume for their own party.
3. **AN OFRENDA FOR PERRO BY JUDITH B. VALDES** 
   * Told with honesty and hope, this heartfelt book is the perfect story for any child coping with loss, and for those who celebrate--or want to learn more about--Día de los Muertos.
4. **OUR DAY OF THE DEAD CELEBRATION BY ANA ARANDA**
   * The Day of the Dead is a happy day when Mar’s family gathers. There are favorite dishes to enjoy, games to be played, and most importantly, stories to tell. No one in the family is forgotten because this is the day of the year when the dead come to visit the living—and for this holiday it is almost as if they’re alive again, as the family takes great joy in celebrating the things that made them special.
5. **UN BARILLETE: PARA LOS DIA DE LOS MUERTOS BY ELISA AMADO**
   * Juan and his brothers always helped their grandfather build the kite for the Day of the Dead. But their grandfather has recently died, and the boys must carry on the tradition on their own. This beautifully photographed book shows us the village of Santiago and tells us Juan’s story as he gathers the materials, builds the kite and, finally, flies it with the help of his friends.
6. **GUSTAVO, THE SHY GHOST BY FLAVIA Z. DRAGO**
   * The Day of the Dead is fast approaching, what can Gustavo do to make the other monsters notice him and to share with them something he loves? With fancifully detailed artwork and visual humor, debut picture-book creator Flavia Z. Drago’s vivid illustrations tell a sweet and gently offbeat story of loneliness, bravery, and friendship that is sure to be a treat for little ghouls and goblins everywhere.
7. **THE DAY OF THE DEAD = EL DIA DE LOS MUERTOS BY ANTONI CADAFALCH** 
   * A potent manifestation of Latino subculture in the U.S. as well as in Mexico, Day of the Dead art is hugely influential on the tattoo and custom scenes. This collection emphasizes contemporary graphics, where traditional folk art and current U.S. politics and culture collide—Mexican traditions are mixed with Hollywood hip, or the graphic tags of L.A.'s Latino gangs. Bursting with amazing visceral energy and riotous color, this collection features vanguard artists taking traditional elements of sugar skulls, flowers, and devils right to the edge.
8. **CALAVERA ABECEDARIO: A DAY OF THE DEAD ALPHABET BOOK BY JEANETTE WINTER**
   * Every year Don Pedro and his family make papier-mâché skeletons, or calaveras, for Mexico's Day of the Dead fiesta. From the Angel and Doctor to the Mariachi and Unicornio, there's a special calavera for each letter of the alphabet. Come dance with them! (Includes a glossary of Spanish words and an author's note).
9. **I REMEMBR ABUELITO: A DAY OF THE DEAD STORY BY JANICE LEVY**
   * It's the Day of the Dead! It's time to celebrate! In this bilingual book, a young girl is busy helping her family prepare to honor those who have died--especially her grandfather. She misses him very much and is excited for his spirit to visit that night.
10. **PAQUITO Y ABUELITO BY ERICH HAEGER**
    * On the Day of the Dead, families gather to remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones who have passed on. For Paquito it's just another boring day and he would rather play video games than set up a Dia de los Muertos altar for his departed grandfather. That is until Paquito's grandfather, his Abuelito, appears and takes Paquito on the greatest adventure of his life.
11. **FELIPA Y EL DIA DE LOS MUERTOS BY MULLER BIRTE**
    * This beautifully illustrated children’s book tells the story of Felipa, a girl living in the Andes Mountains who misses her grandmother who has died. People tell Felipa that souls live on forever. She asks the donkey, pig, and llamas where her grandmother is hiding but they cannot tell her. She looks in the high mountains but cannot find her grandmother there either. In November the village celebrates the Day of the Dead by taking special treats, candles, and flowers to decorate the graves in the cemetery. Their laughter, music and stories bring the cemetery to life and help Felipa feel close to her grandmother.
12. **UNCLE MONARCH AND THE DAY OF THE DEAD BY JUDY GOLDMAN**
    * Upon the death of her beloved Tio Urbano, who has taught her that monarch butterflies are the souls of the dead, young Lupita gains a deeper understanding of Dia de los Muertos, the Day of the Dead, as it is observed in rural Mexico. Includes glossary of Spanish terms and facts about the Day of the Dead.