

Ghosts

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Ghosts is a graphic novel about a teenage girl, Cat, having to adapt to change. Cat and her family move to California in hopes of being able to better her sister, Maya, and their dad's new job. Maya has cystic fibrosis, an underlying health condition that affects her lungs and digestion. While Cat and Maya are exploring through the California beaches, the foggy forests, and boardwalk, they come across an old arcade, where they meet Carlos, which they later find out is their neighbor. Through Carlos and his family, Cat's family here's about the ghosts that are in the city and talk about the celebration, Dia de las Muertos, which is a remembrance of the dead. Cat feels uncomfortable and scared by these topics, however, Maya feels overjoyed and excited. Together they explore through the ghost-filled cities and have different learning experiences and adventures that await them.

This book is a great read for many age groups. Children of ages 7-13 will enjoy this book and it is also a great gift. Although this book includes topics like ghosts and celebrating the dead, the intentions are child friendly and don't include any inappropriate language.

One thing about this story that makes it much better than it already is, is that everyone has their own personality which shows throughout the story. This book is full of tradition and culture which sets the mood and tone of the story, thus allowing readers to find it enjoyable. Raina Telgemeier, a commonly known children's author of different graphic novels, including Ghosts, has also written other stories that are favorites among many people.

Recommended Titles:

- Smile
- Sisters
- Guts
- Drama
- Baby-Sitters Club (Series)