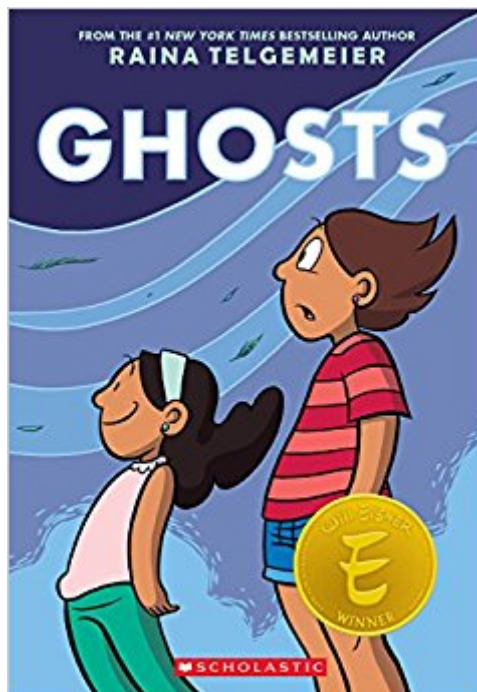


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# Ghosts



## Synopsis

Catrina and her family are moving to the coast of Northern California because her little sister, Maya, is sick. Cat isn't happy about leaving her friends for Bahá- a de la Luna, but Maya has cystic fibrosis and will benefit from the cool, salty air that blows in from the sea. As the girls explore their new home, a neighbor lets them in on a secret: There are ghosts in Bahá- a de la Luna. Maya is determined to meet one, but Cat wants nothing to do with them. As the time of year when ghosts reunite with their loved ones approaches, Cat must figure out how to put aside her fears for her sister's sake -- and her own. Raina Telgemeier has masterfully created a moving and insightful story about the power of family and friendship, and how it gives us the courage to do what we never thought possible.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

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## Customer Reviews

Gr 4â "8â "Catrina and her family have just moved to Northern California. Bahá- a de la Luna is different from Cat's hometownâ "for one thing, everyone is obsessed with ghostsâ "but the sea air makes it easier for Cat's younger sister, Maya, who has cystic fibrosis (CF), to breathe. Carlos, a new friend and neighbor, introduces the girls to a different perspective on the spiritual world. Ghosts, he says, aren't frightening; they're the spirits of loved ones. Cat has her doubtsâ "especially

after a ghostly encounter puts Maya in the hospitalâbut as Day of the Dead celebrations draw closer, she starts to reconsider. Readers will relate to these realistically flawed characters. Maya is frank about her illness and optimistic despite her awareness that her prognosis is poor, while Cat struggles, feeling intensely protective of her sister, anxious about her illness, and resentful about the limitations that Maya's condition places upon the whole family. Themes such as the sibling bond, death, and culture are expertly woven throughout. As Cat comes to terms with the existence of ghosts, she also navigates her background (her father is white, while her mother is Mexican). Telgemeier employs the cheerful cartoon artwork that fans of *Smile*, *Drama*, and *Sisters* know and love, but her palette is more muted in places, fitting the book's somewhat serious and somber themes. VERDICT A can't-miss addition to middle grade graphic novel shelves; hand to fans of the author and newcomers alike.âMahnaz Dar, *School Library Journal* --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

\* "Telgemeier has her finger on the pulse of middle-grade readers, and this might be her best yet." -- Booklist, starred review\* "Telgemeier's bold colors, superior visual storytelling, and unusual subject matter will keep readers emotionally engaged and unable to put down this compelling tale." -- Kirkus Reviews, starred review\* "A can't-miss addition to middle grade graphic novel shelves; hand to fans of the author and newcomers alike." -- *School Library Journal*, starred review\* "The story is consistently engaging, the plot is tightly built." -- *Publishers Weekly*, starred review"[A] gem of a graphic novel" -- *Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books*"Raina Telgemeier's characters fizz with visual energy." -- *The New York Times Book Review*

I didn't buy this for my kids, I just bought it for myself. I gulped this book down in one quick sitting, and it was a wonderful reading experience. The illustrations are beautiful and the story is warm and engaging. Great reading for kids and adults alike.

Really good book I loved it it's my favorite raina telemetry book so far definitely a book everyone that likes graffic novels should read

I loved it! I Found it interesting and now I want to meet a ghost!!!ÃÂÂÂ me and my rabbit rate it 555555555 million stats!

Another great story from Raina Telgemeier. I got this book on preorder and read it the first night it

arrived. This book does a great job of presenting magic realism to students in a format that they are really able to enjoy reading. The next day, I brought *Ghosts* to school where my 4th grade students begged me to be the first to read it. I have heard nothing but positive reviews from my students as well.

Meet Cat and Maya, two sisters exploring their new town on the coast of Northern California. Maya, vibrant, carefree, suffers from Cystic Fibrosis and Cat, your average teenager, learns that this town is inhabited by the friendly ghosts of townspeople. This graphic novel, through Cat and Maya's story, introduces the Day of the Dead and multicultural beliefs about death and memory. As Maya's sickness causes her to nearly die, Cat must grapple with her own understanding of death as she is literally surrounded by it in her home and in her new town. This is a lovely tale, though, and offers a sensitive, authentic, and warm exploration of mortality, life, and how some people believe that even when we die, we never truly leave our loved ones. The images are soft, at times humorous, and there is a sense of universality in the simple depiction of the ghosts.

My 8 year old granddaughter loves this book. It arrived while she was at school. She started reading it after she completed her homework and didn't put it down until bedtime. She is already asking if there are more like this.

I initially bought this book for my kids because my friend and I were so excited that she had found a book with a main character who has CF. Her daughter has CF, and it helped my kids understand a little bit more, as well as showing that you can still have adventures without being in completely perfect health. And this did an awesome job on that front! If you follow the *Platypires*, you know that diversity is a big thing with us, and I was so pleased to find that this book has just that! Next, the artwork. It was just amazing! The graphics were simple yet elegant, and really kept the kids' attention throughout. And the story. I mean, they loved it. My 11 year old son has already re-read this book this week and keeps asking if there's a second one haha. He likes to read, but this is the first time he's ever re-read a book so quickly, and he doesn't usually talk about them this much! This book was an all around win for my family! Bob says: 5 *Platypires* because that's as high as I can go!

The story has a very uplifting message while dealing with a tough topic. Catrina's sister, Maya, has an illness that gives her a lot of the attention. This book teaches you to live in the present, Maya stays very positive through her sickness, even though the future might be rough. It's a story of

family, friends, childhood, and illness, put together in a great way. The book also had a good educational value! It digs into The Day of The Dead, a Mexican holiday, traditions and beliefs. Even though the book appears to might have some "scary" content, it is very welcoming to everyone. Very fun, engaging,easy to read, and with fantastic illustrations, this book is a great pick!

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