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### Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Gr 4–8—Catrina and her family have just moved to Northern California. Bahía de la Luna is different from Cat's hometown—for one thing, everyone is obsessed with ghosts—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 doubts—especially after a ghostly encounter puts Maya in the hospital—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.—Mahnaz Dar, School Library Journal

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\* "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*

### About the Author

Raina Telgemeier is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling, multiple Eisner Award–winning creator of *Smile* and *Sisters*, which are both graphic memoirs based on her childhood. She is also the creator of *Drama*, which was named a Stonewall Honor Book and was selected for YALSA's Top Ten Great Graphic Novels for Teens. Raina lives in the San Francisco Bay Area. To learn more, visit her online at [www.goRaina.com](http://www.goRaina.com).

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