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I See the Sun in Mexico

Written by Dedie King
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“We all need and see the same sun”

**UNIQUE NEW BOOK TEACHES CHILDREN
CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING AND COMMONALITIES OF LIFE IN
DIVERSE COUNTRIES**

In a world where global events dominate the news and our children are exposed to other cultures superficially, author Dedie King and illustrator Judith Inglese have once again combined their talents to offer a unique perspective for young readers that is simply not available anywhere else.

I See the Sun in Mexico, the fifth book in the award-winning *I See the Sun in. . .* series, takes place in the city of La Paz, on the Sea of Cortez. Lush illustrations and a bilingual story in English and Spanish offer Luis's view of his beautiful country. Luis's father is a cook on an excursion boat. His mother makes the best tortillas in the city. Today Luis will spend the day on the boat, swimming with the tourists on the beautiful sea. The clear blue water is a magical world filled with colorful fish and playful sea lions. In the afternoon, the boat anchors and everyone goes for a hike. The sandy trail, high above the shore, reveals snakes, lizards, cactus flowers and ancient rock drawings.

Like the other books in the *I See the Sun in. . .* series, *I See the Sun in Mexico* was first written in English, then translated into Spanish by native, Julio Ortiz Manzo. It is richly illustrated with collages made from original photographs and colorful drawings. It also includes an overview of the country, a glossary of unfamiliar words, and a map that highlights where Mexico is on the globe.

“The basic theme is that no matter where we live, we share this wonderful planet and we all need and see the same sun,” says King. “Our hope is that readers will recognize the commonality of family, mealtimes, school, friends and chores, yet also be intrigued by the cultural differences.”

“Both Dedie and I have lived in other countries. We hope that by depicting a child’s experience in a country we can show the essential humanity of each culture,” adds illustrator Inglese. “It’s an age-appropriate introduction to life in other countries.”

The *I See the Sun in...* series includes *I See the Sun in China* (received Learning Magazine's 2011 Teacher's Choice Award for the Family), *I See the Sun in Nepal* (2010), *I See the Sun in Afghanistan* (2011) which has recently been named a finalist in the Children’s Picture Book category for *Foreword Magazine’s* Book of the Year Awards, and *I See the Sun in Russia* (2012). The next title in this unique series will be *I See the Sun in Burma/Myanmar* (Spring 2013).

About the Author: Dedie King was a Peace Corps volunteer in Nepal. During her two years there, she also travelled in other parts of Asia including India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. She holds a MEd and besides teaching in the Peace Corps, has taught elementary school and children with learning disabilities. Her interest in writing books about different cultures is to bring awareness to young children of both the sameness and the differences of cultures around the world. Dedie has practiced Chinese medicine for 28 years. Her Taoist acupuncture practice and ten years of farming experience have heightened her awareness of how nature and environment affect our well-being and outlook.

Judith Inglese designs and fabricates ceramic tile murals for public environments. Her commissions include libraries, schools, hospitals and institutional buildings like the National Zoo in Washington, D.C. Her murals often focus on the play and imagination of children as well as cross-cultural exchange and community. The *I See the Sun in...* series has given her another medium for examining these themes and celebrating children around the world.

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