



**We Three Kings...  
Books for Celebrating  
Three Kings Day  
(Epiphany)**



*Baboushka and the Three Kings* by Ruth Robbins. New York: Houghton Mifflin, 1960. Reading level: ages 4-8. A Russian tale of the three wise men.

*Federico and the Magi's Gift* by Beatriz Vidal. New York: Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2004. Reading level: ages 4-8. Federico is worried he hasn't been good and won't receive any gifts from the three Kings, so he waits up to see them arrive. Based on the author's childhood in Argentina. Glossary with 8 Spanish words included.

*Hurray for Three Kings' Day!* by Lori Marie Carlson. New York: HarperCollins, 1999. Reading level: ages 4-8. Deftly combines the various ways of observing Three Kings Day in Spanish-speaking communities into one narrative. The text is in English, with a smattering of Spanish words that flow smoothly and naturally throughout.

*The Night We Almost Saw the Three Kings* by Zaida Padilla. Long Beach, N.Y.: Libros, 2004. Reading level: ages 4-8. Two young sisters decide to stay awake and wait for the arrival of the kings, and by doing so they learn about the magic and mystery surrounding Three Kings Day traditions.

*Secret Stars* by Joseph Slate. Tarrytown, NY: Cavendish Children's Books, 1998. Reading level: ages 4-8. When freezing rain falls and obscures the stars, two brothers worry that the three kings won't find their way to the children of Mexico. But their grandmother takes them with her on a dreamy journey showing how secret stars appear everywhere to show the way to the celebration.

*Three Kings Day: A Celebration at Christmastime* by Diane Hoyt-Goldsmith. New York: Holiday House, 2004. Reading level: ages 9-12. A photo-essay of the celebration in New York City through the eyes of a 10-year-old girl. Includes lots of informative sidebars, information on activities and a glossary.

*Three Kings' Day* by Beatriz McConnie Zapater. Cleveland, OH: Modern Curriculum Press, 1992. Part of the Museum-produced Multicultural Celebrations Series. Reading level: ages 4-8. Puerto Rican children in New York City prepare for the Three Kings celebration. Includes a glossary of Spanish words used.