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Cinco de Mayo Celebrations by Authors and Illustrators

During May, Raven Tree Press authors and illustrators are celebrating Cinco de Mayo with special presentations and readings/signings of their children's bilingual (English/Spanish) picture books.

Cinco de Mayo, the 5th of May, commemorates the victory of the Mexicans over the French army at The Battle of Puebla in 1862. It is a regional holiday celebrated in Mexico and in U.S. cities with a significant Mexican population. It is not, as many people think, Mexico's Independence Day, which is actually September 16.

Various Raven Tree Press events for May include:

•May 1, 2006 Nassakeag Elementary School Setauket, NY
Reading/Signing by author Tim Hoppey (*Tito, the Firefighter/Tito, el bombero*, Raven Tree Press, 2004)

•May 2, 2006 Appleton Library
Ilustrator Presentation by Elizabeth A. Driessen (*Jimmy Jammers/Jaimito pijama*, Raven Tree Press, 2003 and *On The Banks of The Amazon En las orillas del Amazonas*, Raven Tree Press, 2004)

•May 4, 2006 Medieval Costume Party and Reading Wrightstown Schools, Wrightstown, WI
Author Presentation by Jane Weber (*The Riches of Rangoberra/Las riquezas de Rangoberra,* Raven Tree Press 2002)

•May 6, 2006 The Reader's Loft, Green Bay, WI, 6:00-8:00 pm
Author/Illustrator Team Presentation by Amy Crane Johnson / Robb Mommaerts *Solomon Raven Series/La serie del cuervo Salomón* (Raven Tree Press, 2004)

•May 11, 2006 Lexington Convention Center, Lexington, KY
Author Presentation by Nancy Kelly Allen (*On the Banks of the Amazon/En las orillas del Amazonas*, Raven Tree Press, 2004)

•May 12, 2006 Reading Celebration / Big Creek Elementary School, Manchester, KY
Author Presentation by Nancy Kelly Allen (*On the Banks of the Amazon/En las orillas del Amazonas*, Raven Tree Press, 2004)

•May 18, 2006 5:00-7:00 Author Day/Reading Celebration, Crabbe Elementary School, Ashland, KY
Author Presentation by Nancy Kelly Allen *(On the Banks of the Amazon/En las orillas del Amazonas*, Raven Tree Press, 2004)

Activities to help you celebrate Cinco de Mayo can be found on the Raven Tree Press website www.raventreepress.com .

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