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# A Kingdom Beneath The Waves



## Synopsis

The Garza family's Christmas vacation in Mexico is cut short by the appearance of Pingo, one of the tzapame - Little People. The news is grim - a rogue prince from an ancient undersea kingdom is seeking the Shadow Stone, a device he will use to flood the world and wipe out humanity. Now Carol and Johnny must join a group of merfolk and travel into the deepest chasms of the Pacific Ocean to stop him and his monstrous army with their savage magic.

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## Customer Reviews

This is the second in the YA, teen-oriented series by David Bowles. It tells the story of the shape-shifting Garza twins Carol And Johnny, and their family. Family is a huge theme in these stories. The setting is present day, but with a strong confluence of history and mythology from Mexico, and beyond. I recommend these books for you any who enjoy fantasy and mythology, and the fast-growing genre of "border tales." The books are fast paced and, while geared for young teen readers (the protagonists are 13 in this story), they are enjoyable for any age, in my opinion. David Bowles is an acclaimed author and professor who has multiple translations, stories, and volumes of poetry in his curriculum vita. There's a nice blending of modern and ancient here. I always learn a great deal of lore, and a decent bit of vocabulary with his works. This one is no exception. In this installment, we learn more about the twins' powers, and the rules of magic in the world they inhabit. There is a decent crossover with perhaps more familiar myths, and a good dose of tie in to the first volume ("The Smoking Mirror"). I rated both books five stars, but this second book is the better of the two in my opinion. There's more detail and some loose ends and plot points left over from book

1 are inventively covered in the second book. I definitely recommend reading them in order, but you could do this one as stand-alone and not miss too much. There are, however, references to the earlier story that you would miss by not reading it first. Looking forward to book 3!

Well, South Texas poet/author/translator Dr. David Bowles has done it again. With his sequel to 2015's award-winning *The Smoking Mirror*, *A Kingdom Beneath the Waves*, Dr. Bowles takes his readers to an unexplored watery world riddled with mermen, shapeshifting dolphins and other unusual sea creatures. The Garza twins continue to explore their Nagual heritage and strive to master their savage magic. The author creates a world complete with a royal hierarchy and the history of its civilization. You are totally submerged into the merfolk's culture and their respective customs. *A Kingdom Beneath the Waves* is a great read with strong characters and lots of action to engage fans of both fantasy and syfy of all ages. I look forward to the next installment.

The shapeshifting twins continue to mature and learn how to use their vast powers in this fast-moving sequel. The family vacation turns into a quest to save the world from immolation by water! Johnny and Carol have a great rapport. I liked how Johnny really feels compelled to use his shapeshifting abilities to help others, but that gets him into danger. The undersea action made it like I could see the merfolk and sea creatures. Pink dolphins are real!

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