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# VALLEY OF OAXACA

## *Day of the Dead*

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*Bruce Whipperman*

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These essays by the Nobel Prize-winning poet address Mexican culture and character. The chapters on the Mexican celebration of the Day of the Dead and the conquest are especially memorable. (Item no. MEX08)

*Oliver Sacks*

#### **Oaxaca Journal**

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*John Greenleigh (Photographer), Rosalind Rosoff*

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*Ediciones Independencia*

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MAP, \$8.95

A color map of the state of Oaxaca at a scale of 1:650,000. On the reverse side are detailed plans of the main cities, including Oaxaca. All the text is in Spanish. (Item no. MEX49)

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Popular Culture of Oaxaca**

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Linda Nicholas*

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