



Story Guide

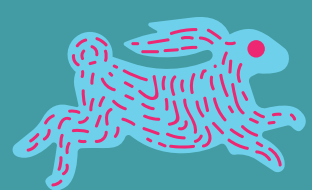
PEDRITO AND THE LAUGHING SKULL

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Watch the video of storyteller Carolina Quiroga-Stultz live at the 2019 National Storytelling Festival [here](#).
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Story run time is 15:45 to 24:37.

Now, enjoy exploring the story with the activities outlined below.



explore it

- What elements of the story made it spooky? Do you like spooky stories? Are there other things that Carolina could have done to make the story more spooky?
- What was Carolina wearing when she told the story? How did her dress enhance the telling of her story?
- "Many thought that Pedro was a fool and pranking him would make them look cool." Carolina uses rhyme like this throughout the story. Create a short, spooky rhyme to share with a friend.



think it

- Where was the laughing skull found?
- What made the thief drop his bag of stolen coins?
- Why did people think Pedrito was a fool?
- What prank did the Sergeant play on Pedrito?
- Why did the Sergeant want to prank Pedrito?
- What prize was offered to Pedrito?
- What made the prank backfire?
- How did Pedrito show bravery in the story?



create it

- Create a superstition to use in a spooky story like Carolina did in this story: "Traveler passing by, fix your eyes on me, what you are I was once, what I am you will be." Say your superstition with a spooky voice.
- Use shadows and light to draw a picture that will illustrate a spooky story.



tell it

- Using the superstition and picture you made in the "Create It" section of this story guide, tell a spooky story to your family in the dark using a flashlight.
- Has anyone ever played a prank on you? If so, journal about how it made you feel. Have you played a prank on someone? How did it make them feel?