

Edinburg native wins first place in snow photo contest

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As Christmas approaches Rob Guerra remembers the time he snowed in Edinburg two years ago.

As the snowed started falling onto everything imaginable in his backyard, Guerra grabbed his camera and started snapping photographs, photographs that would later be published.

"For the Valley, it was a new experience, Texas palm trees with snow on them," said Guerra.

Guerra's mother and sister suggested to Guerra that he should enter his photographs in the H-E-B contest where several participants' pictures would be featured in *Snow* and later *More Snow*, the second book that features photographs of South Texas in snow.

Guerra received first place with his picture of his parent's house on Lake

James.

"I positioned myself and made sure the light was okay and took the picture," said Guerra.

A mother and son brought the first snow book to life, *Snow*, which then was followed by the sequel, *More Snow*. The thought came to the pair as they attended church that Christmas Eve in Corpus Christi.

"Everyone took pictures, everyone had a story," said Kathryn Childers, editor in chief and publisher of *More Snow*.

Childers said over 6,000 photographs were collected for the first book and more than 6,000 photographs were entered in the sequel.

Childers said not every city in South Texas is featured in the books, but she tried to have as many cities featured as possible.

"It's been wonderful," said Childers.

