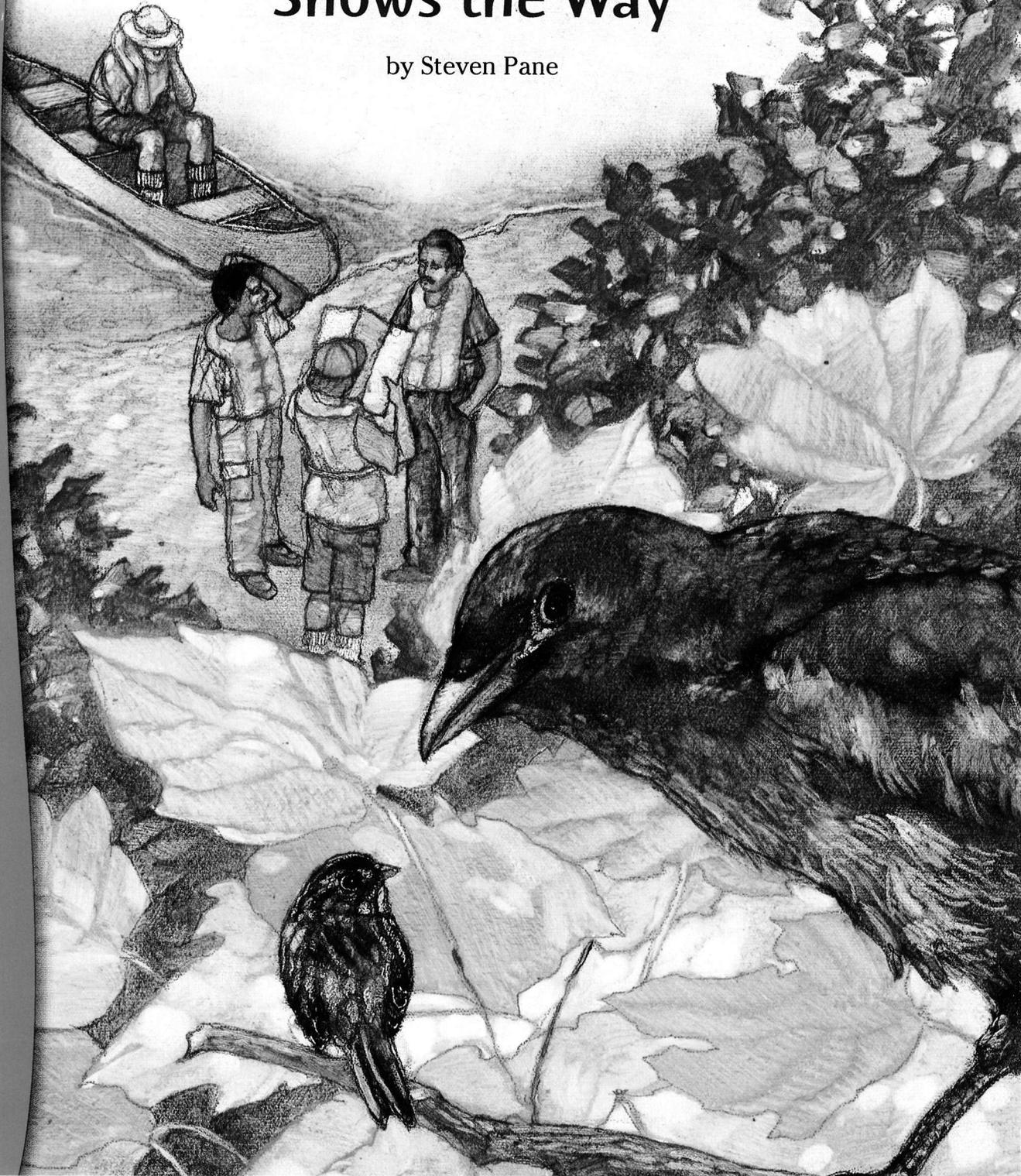


Raven

Shows the Way

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- 1 One day a group of young men set out on a boat. They went along many streams, and soon they became lost. As they were sitting in their boat trying to figure out what to do, Raven flew over. Raven saw that the men had become caught in some weeds. Raven flew down to get a closer look.
- 2 The men were embarrassed because they had gotten lost. Then they were angry because they thought Raven was laughing at them. They told Raven to go away. They called him mean names. They said he was stupid.
- 3 Raven did not like how the men were treating him. He started to fly away, but Sparrow asked Raven to stay. He told Raven not to listen to the men. Sparrow told Raven he was not only beautiful, but also very wise. Sparrow said, "These men are just angry because they are lost. Why don't you show them how wise you are? You can help them find their way home. You can show them you are smarter than they are."
- 4 Raven listened carefully to Sparrow. What Sparrow said made him feel very good. Raven flew up high in the sky and looked down at all the streams. When he saw the way the men should go, he came back down and guided them out.
- 5 The men never made fun of Raven again. They knew Raven was smart and kind and good.

COMPREHENSION

A Choose the best ending for each sentence. Write *a* or *b*.

- 1 This story is supposed to
 - a teach you something.
 - b make you laugh.
- 2 The men were angry about being lost because they
 - a wanted to be home.
 - b felt foolish.
- 3 Raven was able to see all the streams because he
 - a was very high in the sky.
 - b knew the land very well.

- 4 Raven listened to Sparrow because he liked
 - a the sound of his voice.
 - b what Sparrow was saying about him.
- 5 The smartest character in this story is
 - a Raven.
 - b Sparrow.

LEARN ABOUT WORDS

B Often you can find out the meaning of a word by seeing how it is used in a story. The other words in the story give you clues.

Find the word in the story that best fits each meaning. (A paragraph number tells you where to look.) Write the word.

- 1 small bodies of running water; small rivers (1)
- 2 felt uncomfortable; ashamed (2)
- 3 having intelligence (3)
- 4 not knowing the way to go (3)
- 5 showed the way; led (4)

C Read the words you wrote. Which one best fits in each sentence below? Write the word.

- 6 If you knew how to read a map, we wouldn't have become _____!
- 7 The men were _____ safely back home by Raven.
- 8 Sometimes it is best to ask a _____ person for advice.
- 9 Fish swam freely in the many _____ around the area.
- 10 People are often _____ when they do something they shouldn't have done.

THINK ABOUT IT

D Read each story. Write *a* or *b* to answer each question.

The chief gathered some of his tribe. The chief told them they needed to get fish for everyone. They dragged the boat to the stream.

- 1** What did the chief and members of the tribe do next?
 - a** Put the boat in the water
 - b** Left the boat at the edge of the stream
- 2** What did the chief do next?
 - a** Started a fire
 - b** Told them where to fish
- 3** How do you know what the chief and members of the tribe did?
 - a** The chief said they needed fish. The members of the tribe took the boat to the stream.
 - b** The chief asked the members of the tribe to go fishing. The tribe wanted to sleep.

The chief and the members of the tribe went fishing. They got lost. The chief asked Raven for help. Raven agreed to show them the way. He spread his strong wings.

- 4** What did Raven do next?
 - a** Flew away
 - b** Flew up in the sky
- 5** How do you know what Raven did?
 - a** He said he would help show the way, and he started to fly.
 - b** He wanted to show the men how smart he was.

E Most verbs add *-ed* to show that something happened in the past.

Last week he *liked* his red hat best. This week he *likes* his blue hat.

Read each sentence. If it could be happening now, write *now*. If it happened in the past, write *past*.

- 6** Raven watched the men in the boat.
- 7** The men fished in the stream.
- 8** Sparrow asks Raven for help.
- 9** Raven listens to Sparrow.
- 10** Raven flapped his wings.