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Tok, the best flyer of all the young ravens, faces a terrible fate. Falsely accused of murder, he must leave the Raven Mountains forever. If he ever returns, he will be put to death by those he once called friends and family. Tok's only hope is to reclaim his honor by completing a quest. Long ago, the ravens lived in partnership with the Grey Lords. Can Tok reunite his kind with these legendary hunters? The quest will take him on a perilous journey into dangers he cannot even imagine...

Raven Quest Details

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johanna says

Took a while to get into it - I think because it's been so long since I've read an animal POV book. Really enjoyed it, though. Well-written, (except I kept getting irked by the quick nights - the author didn't skip a line after "*He tucked his head under his wing and went to sleep*" or whatever, and so to my brain it seemed like Tok fell asleep and woke up seconds later). I want to read it again sometime when I'm in more of an animal mood, so that I can enjoy the beginning. Looking forward to finding out more about Tok, Tarkah (love the names btw), Durlan, Selaks, Sirva and Timmax in the next book, and will look out for other books by Sharon Stewart from now on.

My favourite character was probably Selaks. When I got to the wolves the story lit up for me a bit, with all their unique personalities. I especially loved Selaks' temper and grumpy, carefree spirit, and Timmax's memorable dialogue - you don't quickly forget exclamations like "Great guts!".

Oh! Also loved the different ways of the different species and their words. By the end of the book I read *kora*, *numon*, *karlan*, *vor/vora* and *skiffet* as automatically as 'and' and 'the'.

Sparrowkeeper says

Raven Quest is a thrilling story by Sharon Stewart. When Tok the raven is falsely accused of a crime he did not commit, he is cast out of the Raven Mountains and stripped of his *kora* (the raven word for 'honor.'). Setting out on an epic quest to reclaim his *kora*, Tok decides to hunt for the Grey Lords - the wolves that had long since vanished from the Raven Mountains.

I was hooked. From beginning to end I was gripped in the struggle for survival with the hero Tok. Sharon knows how to right a story, and I learned some amazing facts about ravens and crows along the way. There were some parts in the story that really touched my heart, and other parts when I was eager to know what happened next.

An amazing story that I recommend to all who love animal adventures,
~Sparrow

Mele says

I would have given this book a 5-star, had it been more interesting in the beginning. Great, but you need to bear through the beginning before you get to the action part. Also a little sad in the middle.

Brenna says

I hate it when reading a book with speaking animal characters it contains their animal noises along with their dialogue. Because I guess just having them talk isn't enough, we needed to constantly be reminded that these are indeed birds and not just people flying around having conversations about ravens being more awesome than crows.

Liana says

Great story! I loooveee ravens, they're one of my favorite birds! They're smart, good looking, AND THEY CAN LEARN HOW TO TALK!!! Did'ja know that? When this book was recommended to me, I knew I had to read it.

One of the things that I love most about this story was how ravens were written in general - they actually acted like real birds! The author's great at writing birdie mannerisms, because I could easily picture the ravens acting like ravens thanks to the pretty writing.~ I can't explain how she did it, but if you read the book for yourself, you'd probably see what I mean.

By the way, the ravens in this book are SO CRUEL. When Tok gets falsely accused by the raven who hates him, I was like "Geez! Tough crowd! Isn't there any bird here who's actually DECENT?!" ...however my opinion changed about them later on, after the 'two-legs' made a couple of nasty scenes... They're even WORSE than Tok's buddies! I'm telling you, there's lotsa characters to despise in this lovely little story, but thankfully Tok knows how to be awesome. :)

This is a great story for all ages, but I can see kids appreciating it the most. Just be warned that there's some mild violence in it.~

Diane says

An excellent read, great characters, fascinating story. Highly recommended!

Carrie says

Brilliant. Truly brilliant. "Raven Quest" is one of the best animal books I've ever read--very likely one of the best books I've read. Birds are pretty hard to write (I've tried!), since they're so different from humans, but Stewart pulled this off as if she were writing about herself. It's amazing. And while the animals talk and have systems that the actual animals don't have, they still feel like normal animals... and maybe they're like this without our knowing. Who knows. I think my only real problem with the book was the crows' ease with Tok, whereas normal crows would mob any trespassing raven or other chick- and egg-eater they could, but that rivalry still existed in the story, so I excused her.

Meanwhile, the plot is original, the writing is great, and the characters are strong. Veerrrry highly recommended.

Mrs. Smith says

This book is an inspiring tale of friendships forged amongst different species. If you like animal tales with adventure and characters who come alive you'll love this book.

Thom says

I love books like this had me completely wanting to know more

Hailey/Jimena says

A fantastic story about survival between two species. Ravens and wolfe's working together in order to survive. The Raven Tok is an outcast and must find a way to save himself because he has been falsy accused of murder. All the books i read have a five star rating because there all fantabulously awesome and magnificant!!!

Jessica says

I got so bored... i dont think i finished reading this book. XD

Marc says

Apart from a few chapters in the middle where nothing really happens, this is a great book. Very short chapters, so if you only read one or maybe two a day this book will take a while. Everything is written from Tok's (the raven) perspective. But while this allowed me to *see* the world through Tok's eyes, it didn't actually make me *feel* like Tok. But maybe that was the author's intention, and I enjoyed it anyway so it doesn't really matter.

Bottomline: Overall highly recommended, and I'll probably give the sequel, Wolf Rider, a chance too.

Erica says

When I picked up this book it was simply because the cover was interesting at the time. The story inside, however, captivated me I loved it. And despite reading it so many years ago there are some vivid details that I remember from this book. Somehow it has stayed with me all this time. A good read for a young reader with a strong appetite for adventure.

Layla Fields says

This book really left me in suspense and I was always at the edge of my seat reading it. The storyline is amazing.

Loraine says

Tok, a yearling raven, is banished from his community, his honor stripped, his patrimony denied--all based on false accusations. But in order to reclaim his honor and his rightful place in his community, he sets out on a seemingly impossible quest to reunite all ravenkind with the legendary Gray Lords. What a heart-stopping adventure, full of danger, tragedy, unlikely friendships! And . . . because Ms. Stewart has so thoroughly researched the social and natural ecology of raven clans and wolf clans, the reader comes away with a deeper knowledge of these magnificent creatures.

Young Adult Fiction is a happenin' place!
