

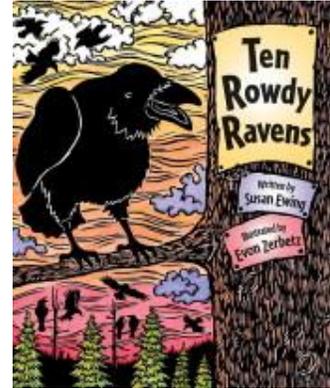


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Kashudcha "Drink from the vessel of Traditional Knowledge."

## *Ten Rowdy Ravens*

By Susan Ewing Illustrations by Evon Zerbetz



**Book Summary** This counting book shows naughty but loveable ravens. The adventurous birds swoop and cause trouble wherever they land. The artwork of Ketchikan artist Evon Zerbetz, displays these larger-than-life birds against their local habitat. At the end of the book, *The Daily Kaw*, an appended seven-page tabloid, that is especially interesting to older children, features amusing and true news stories profiling raven antics as well as scientific information about ravens.

**Before Reading** This book shows raven as a trickster, similar to Raven in *How Raven Stole the Sun*. Before you read, page through the book, looking at the pictures with your child and encouraging him/her to talk about the different ways in which ravens are tricksters.

**During Reading** Younger children will notice the count down of ravens in the book; as you read encourage your young child to anticipate the upcoming number of ravens. Younger and older children alike will delight in listening for and creating rhyming words that fit within the text. Additionally, almost every page includes hidden pictures and words relating to ravens. Encourage your older child to join in the hunt for these. Older children delight in hearing the news stories, playing the raven games and hearing the raven classified ads that are included in the *Daily Kaw* appended at the end of the book.

**After Reading** Page through the book again with your child; search for and discuss the hidden words and pictures that appear on many of the pages. Since this book includes both fiction and non-fiction, you might point out examples of each and discuss some of the differences between these types of text. The *Daily Kaw* also includes a reading list of some non-fiction books about ravens. Perhaps your child would be interested in learning more about ravens from one of the listed books.

Parent guide for *Ten Rowdy Ravens*, a suggested parent read-aloud intended to accompany "How Raven Stole the Sun" cultural curriculum unit.