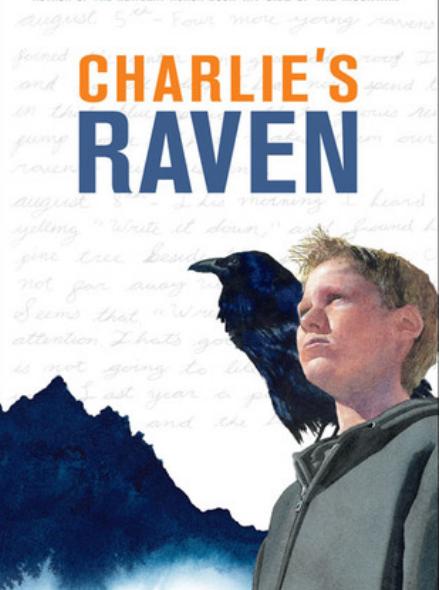


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So Charlie brings home Blue Sky, a baby raven with a big personality. Blue Sky imprints on Charlie and becomes a great friend and a source of amazement to the whole family. Granddad, an old naturalist, is intrigued, and he does seem to get better-at least for a while. But caring for a wild creature is very demanding, and as Blue Sky grows, Charlie must find a way to protect him from the many dangers-both natural and human-made-in the rugged Teton Mountains where they live. Weaving natural history, myth, and a family narrative about life and death, Jean Craighead George demonstrates once again why she is one of the most admired children's writers today. Blue Sky will take his place in readers' hearts beside Frightful of My Side of the Mountain as one of this author's most compelling animal characters.

## **Charlie's Raven Details**

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### Erin says

After hearing from a Sioux Indian friend that ravens can cure illnesses, Charlie brings a baby raven home to study with the help of his ailing naturalist grandfather. This is an enjoyable story about the many relationships Charlie has in his life, including the ones he builds with the birds he is studying. While reading this novel I was traveling in California and sat down to lunch one day when a raven flew into the bush next to me. We regarded each other for a long while and it made me appreciate this story even more!

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### Mary Ann says

Even though I've had this book for years I just hadn't gotten around to reading it despite the fact that it is by one of my favorite authors. It is a bit ironic it is after her death, and also the death of one of the main characters in the book. This book is an ideal introduction into environmental ecology, and if I were teaching a fifth grade class in TX (or elsewhere) I would be using this book as a read aloud. It speaks to me and my love of being aware of the natural beauty that surrounds us if we only open our eyes to what we do and where we di ti.

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### KidsFiction Teton County Library says

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Charlie lives in Jackson, Wyoming and has come to stay with his grandparents for the summer. He has his own little cabin which is located directly in front of the Teton Mountains and next to his grandparents' cabin.

charlie's friend Singing Bird, a Teton Sioux Indian, told him that ravens could cure people. After hearing of this legend, Charlie just had to have a raven for his granddad, who was once a naturalist, had had a heart attack last winter and wasn't getting any better.

So, Charlie climbed up a lodgepole pine tree to a raven's nest and tucked one of the baby ravens into his parka. He named the raven Blue Sky. Charlie took it back to his grandparents' house and began to conduct his "research." Really, he wanted Blue Sky to make his granddad better.

Charlie and Blue Sky began to work out their daily routines, starting with breakfast with his granaddad. Blue Sky bonded with Charlie's dad and "imprinted" on Charlie. Now that Charlie's role is the "parent" of Blue Sky, he has many responsibilities, one being collecting enough food for his raven. This kept him and Singing Bird very busy.

In this book, you will discover many unique raven behaviors. blue Sky even learns to "talk." Learn how Charlie's grandparents' cabin becomes a day care center. You will have to read the book to see how Blue Sky helps Charlie's granddad, and then see if you believe in the raven legend. Charlie learns many lessons from

Blue Sky and his granddad.

Blue Sky is sure to touch your heart. You may discover you have a new respect for ravens. Maybe you will even begin to speak "raven."

Jean Craighead George artfully intertwines natural history, myths, and life lessons about life and death.

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### **Catherine Yezak says**

Great story on history, Native American studies, nature, and the connection between humans and animals. After Charlie's grandfather suffers a heartache, Charlie believes that a raven will cure him. What he finds helps not only Charlie's grandfather, but everyone around him. Nature has many lessons to teach us, if we just listen.

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### **Lynn says**

An excellent read! I am so excited to give this book to my grandsons! Jean Craighead George is amazing! I believe any young person would enjoy this story and learn much from it. I did! I would heartily recommend this book for any science classes--a demonstration of the scientific method AND why it is so difficult to keep absolute objectivity when collecting and interpreting data. So glad I read this!

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### **Catherine says**

At first I was mad at Charlie for taking the baby raven, but I didn't know the full story. This is a delightful story that details the scientific method and the importance of ecology and taking care of nature. I could see children becoming interested in nature and science after reading this book. It makes me want to "write it down" as Blue Sky says to Charlie and his Grandpa. I need to find my perfectly round rock.

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### **Chipmunk (Nanette) says**

Very good book, I loved it. The boy's grandfather is sick and he believes that a raven can cure his grandfather. The boy finds a raven and raises it, but will his grandfather get better? Read this book to find out!

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### **Marika Gillis says**

When his Sioux Indian friend tells him that ravens can cure illness, Charlie goes to great lengths to find and remove a raven's nest so he can bring the raven home to his ailing grandfather. Charlie spends that summer

with his grandparents near the Teton Mountains studying ravens.

While this book is not fast-paced or exhilarating in its excitement, the story has a beauty that is hard to find in young adult novels. It is a rare and pleasing read.

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### **Linnae says**

At times the plot and characters became secondary to observations of the raven, but still enjoyable.

Charlie loves spending time at his grandparent's house right up close to the Teton Mountains. He spends all of his summers there, ever since his family moved to town, and soaks up all he can of the natural beauty and wildlife. His grandfather was a scientist and naturalist, but lately his health has deteriorated.

Charlie had heard of the old Native American story that Raven can heal people. He's determined to find a raven to heal his grandfather. He actually finds one, too--a chick he takes from its nest and names Blue Sky. Young Blue Sky is not only smart, he does seem to be helping Granddad regain some strength and vitality.

As he learns about raising a raven, and protecting him from all sorts of danger, Charlie also tries to determine if ravens are good or bad.

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Blue Sky is really the star of this book--all the other characters, including Charlie, are supporting players. Not as strongly written as some of her others in that respect. Fascinating and entertaining to observe raven behavior along with Charlie, though, and find out how incredibly smart they are.

I always feel like I've learned something valuable after reading a book by Jean Craighead George.

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### **Lauren Olivia says**

I would read it again. Seriously its that good.

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### **Carolina Smith says**

It was sad but I liked it

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### **G. Hurley says**

A slow pace story that also brings tears.

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### **Jane says**

As a teacher of fifth grade, I used *Charlie's Raven* as a novel for the class to read and discuss together. It gave me examples of several of the things to look for in a book that my children were suppose to learn at that grade level in a novel. The character development of Charlie and how he learned from his Grandfather, his friend Singing Bird and the raven's showed character interaction with a variety of other character and showed how relationships could be written into a story. In a novel *Charlie's Raven* showed he difference between fact and fiction when Charlie was charged to make a scientific journal on raven behavior. Presenting the ideas with a story the students enjoyed gave them a good learning experience and they enjoyed the reading a good book. This is a great book for young readers with a subject they can relate to and enjoy.

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### **Reese Jensen says**

Very touching.....

I am 11, and I read it twice. Its so touching!!!!

I love this book for its lesson of endurance and responsibility.

I once took care of a raven. It died, but I know how Charlie feels( not really, but somewhat). Ravens are looked at as evil (as you're going to see in the book),but they aren't. They are smart, cute, and loving.

I love this book!!!?

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### **Caleb says**

i liked it

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