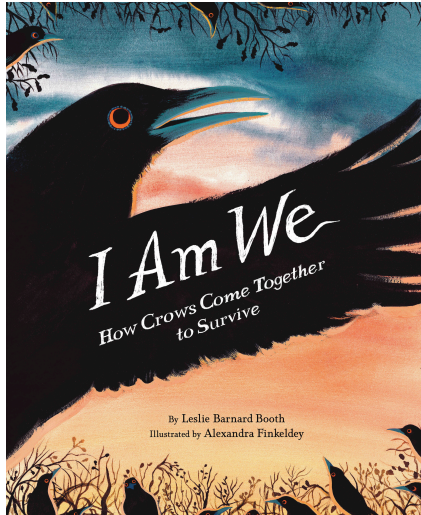


STORYTIME GUIDE

I Am We: How Crows Come Together to Survive

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ABOUT THE BOOK

Crows are fascinating and resilient birds. What is the secret to their abundance and survival, especially throughout fall and winter seasons, when temperatures drop and crow-eating creatures lurk in the dark? *I Am We* unpacks these mysteries, exploring how and why crows roost together by the thousands and their reliance on cooperation and community.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What did you learn about crows from reading this book?
- Who is the narrator of this book?
- What is the setting?
- What tone or mood does the author create in *I Am We*?
- How does the author set the mood?
- Is this a poem, a story, an informational book, or all three?
- What do you think the author's purpose was in writing this book?
- Why do you think the title of this book is *I Am We*?

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

Digging Deeper

After reading the main text together, assign one section of the backmatter to each of several small groups. Each group reads their section, takes notes, and presents what they learned to the class.

Crow Tales

Invite students to write a fictional story from the point of view of a crow. Ask them to consider what kind of mood or tone they want to create.

Crow Comparison

Use a Venn diagram to brainstorm similarities and differences between crows and another intelligent and highly social animal: people.

