

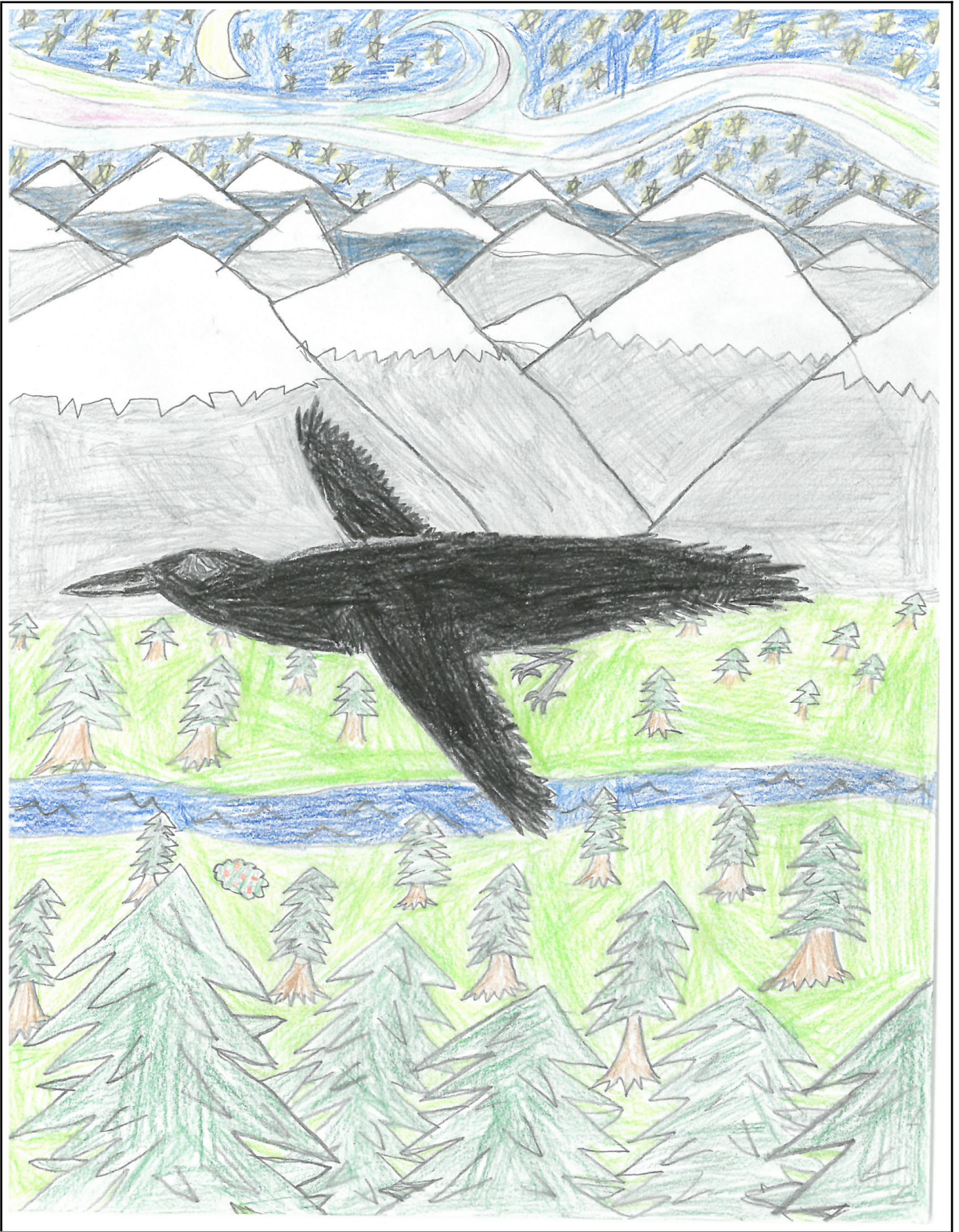
Midnight in the Fire

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It was a calm, quiet night in the pine forest. The stars were out and the only sound was the rushing of a nearby river where Midnight found the remains of a recently killed salmon. Midnight is a raven who was born in the forest and has lived her whole life there. She had only gone into the human city a couple of times when food was really scarce in winter.

The next morning Midnight woke up to the chatting of squirrels in her tree. “Stupid squirrels,” muttered Midnight as she put her wings over her beak in annoyance.

All was peaceful in the pine forest again. The attack of the cougars five moons ago had made everyone scared and aggressive. Midnight’s mother had died in the attack when one of the cougars got hold of her neck. Midnight tried hard not to think about that. She went out to look for food and came back with a plump salmon. As the sun started to set, Midnight was already asleep, but woke up to a dreadful smell.

‘*Smoke!*’ thought Midnight. The forest was on fire! Midnight was feeling really scared but she knew what to do. ‘*I can’t stop the fire by myself,*’ thought Midnight.

Midnight jumped out of her tree and flew toward the human city. The last time there was trouble in the forest a human girl helped chase out the cougars and she might be able to stop the fire. Midnight arrived at the girl’s apartment and the girl was right outside.

“Help! Help!” cawed Midnight. “The forest is on fire!”

The girl just looked at Midnight. Midnight realized that the girl didn’t understand raven speak. But then the girl looked up then looked back down at Midnight then gave Midnight a look of understanding and worry. She might not have understood what Midnight is saying but she knew there was trouble.

As quick as they could, Midnight and the girl raced over to the forest. The forest looked worse and it was spreading fast.



“My friend has a helicopter. We could use it to put out the fire,” said the girl. “We just fly over the river, collect some water and pour it on the fire!”

So then the girl left to get the chopper and Midnight flew to the river to wait. Soon enough Midnight heard a loud sound and then saw the girl in the helicopter! The girl flew over the river then collected the water in a huge bucket. Then she flew up and poured all the water on the fire. But it didn't work. The fire was just too big! They tried sand next. Midnight helped this time. She landed and picked up as much sand as she could with her feet but that failed as well. The fire was still too big.

“What else can we do?” asked the girl.

‘The dam!’ thought Midnight, *‘I have to tell her.’* Suddenly, Midnight started cawing like crazy and pointed her beak towards the dam.

“What? What is it?” asked the girl. They raced toward the dam then they made a plan. “You distract the guards while I slip in, you understand me right?”

Midnight nodded.

“Okay good.” So the girl hid behind a crate near the door and then Midnight made a lot of noise.

A guard came out still holding the door open then the girl slipped in and before the guard could close the door Midnight quickly flew in. Once they were in the girl started to sneak to the main control room and Midnight flew around the building to get every guards’ attention.

Then Midnight led all the guards outside then flew back before the door closed. The guards were stuck outside. Then Midnight raced to where the girl was and landed on a button that released the water. All the water had put out the entire fire! The forest was saved! It was still pretty burnt.



“Don’t worry,” said the girl to Midnight, “The forest will return.”

Midnight repeated those words in her head. “Yes the pine forest will return. My name will rise again.”

The End.

About the Author

My name is Bailey. I am 10 years old and in grade 5. I really like to run and write. My favourite book is Warrior Cats by Erin Hunter. If I could do anything, I would have the ability to turn into animals.