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For Laura, the most wonderful friend
who faced the world so bravely.
— R. T.

To Fin and Aya,
be bold, be brave, be kind.
— G. S.

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On the tangled, twisted branches
in a tangled, twisted wood
stood a young crow, looking downward,
as her elders said she should.

She stood with all the other crows
in silence, in a row.
Their heads were bowed to look
for any danger from below.



The young crow followed suit and joined
the warbling, warning wail—
for down upon the ground they glimpsed
a bristly, bushy tail!

Rustle, rustle.

“What’s that noise?” the crows began to call.
They cried out, “Danger! Caw, caw, caw!
Caw, caution, one and all!”



“Squirrel, squirrel!” one crow cried.
“It wants to steal our nest!”
“This tree is ours!” another squawked.
“Be gone, you furry pest!”

The birds all screeched
until the squirrel turned around to go.
And then they all returned to seeking
perils from below.



Snuffle, snuffle.

What was searching on the mossy ground?

The birds let out a second call:

“Caw, caution, all around!”

The young bird joined the chorus
of those caution-crying crows,
for down beside the tree they saw
a sniffy, snoopy nose!

