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Tales  
Told For Kids



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*Raven Tales* is the multi-award-winning series that follows Raven, the trickiest of Native American tricksters, on his comic adventures among the first people and strange creatures at the beginning of time. Through modern storytelling techniques, it opens kids up to an ancient vision of the creation of the world.

The stories take flight with Raven's humorous antics, and the pranks he pulls, but they are grounded in the wisdom of friends like Eagle and Frog. Raven is a wise-cracking young teenager who isn't willing to simply accept the advice of those who know a little more about life. Like teens everywhere, he's always out to get around the rules. When he does, he magically changes the world itself. Raven's encounters with other mythological creatures -- and even the first people -- teach us a lot about life today. As Frog says, "No story is ever just a story. Some are true, some inspiration. This one is both."

The first episode, "How Raven Stole the Sun", takes place in the primordial Shadow Time before light and life. Raven is bored and complaining. He's sick and tired of hanging around in the gloom, counting raindrops. Frog comments on the futility of waiting for someone else to bring change and tells Raven of an Old Man who keeps all of the world's light hidden away in a box with the Sky, Moon and Stars. Inspired by Frog's advice, Raven fools the Old Man into letting loose the Sun. Life on earth begins because of Raven's trick in this poetic fable of the positive power of mischief.

*Raven Tales* is the first CGI series created, produced, and performed entirely by Native American animators. Each episode is adapted from the traditional folklore of a specific tribal group, and the filmmakers have been careful to gain the written permission of the Tribal Councils and Hereditary Chiefs.

This treasury of ancient tales has been embraced by television programmers, DVD and book publishers, museums directors, and even video game creators. Each magical, funny story has a depth that has lasted through centuries of retelling. The filmmakers have transformed these traditional myths into a visually superb CGI universe expressly for 21<sup>st</sup> century kids.

*Raven Tales* is a Running Dog Lackey/Howling Wolf/New Machine Studios Co-Production.  
Evan Adams (Smoke Signals, the Emmy-winning Lost in the Barrens) is the voice of Raven.  
The series is currently being adapted as a series of 36 books by Harcourt.