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This book is dedicated to my beautiful wife and children. I love you all! To my wonderful family and support system, you guys rock! And to those from The Shadow (no matter who, what, or where that may be), YOU CAN do it... I believe in you!



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## Hi, I'm Crow.



#### The Shadow is a person...

### or maybe a thing...

or a place.

The Shadow tells me who to be, how to go, and where to stay.

I wear all black, although my favorite color is blue.

Black cap. Black shades. Yep, that's what The Shadow tells me to do.

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School is easy, I can always get an "A."

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Buuut, why would I do that? That's not The Shadow's way.

I love sunsets on the beach while enjoying a nice book to read.

Buuut, The Shadow said reading is boring, so that hobby is not for me.

## I love flying like the wind while I chat with my friends.

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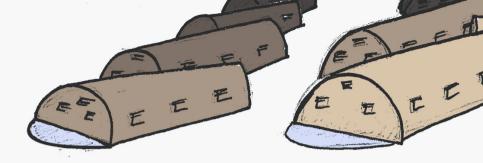
Buuut, The Shadow said that I am a loner, so I just play pretend.

### I really love sports! Basketball is what I love to play.



Buuut, The Shadow said, "Don't play sports." So, I just sleep all day. 15





# I had a dream that I earned a degree and decided to protect and serve.

Buuut, The Shadow told me that I would never overcome life's hills and curves.





I am an amazing architect. I built an Eiffel Tower with toothpicks.

> Buuut...WAIT... The Shadow told me that I can only dig a ditch?!

I have climbed a mountain, and I have sped around curves. I have greeted many friends, and I have read hundreds of words.





I have great manners, and I am excellent at school. Why should I listen to The Shadow when The Shadow tells untruths?

# I CAN BE A SUCCESS AND EVEN CHOOSE A MATE!

# WHO GAVE THE SHADOW The power to control <u>My</u> fate?



I will move forward and become all that I can be.

Only one can determine my future.



# THE END

# DID YOU KNOW...?



Crows and ravens are cousins... They belong to the same genus!

Crows are really smart because of their <u>HUGE</u> brains!



Crows from different places speak different languages... just like humans!



Older crow siblings can help their parents raise newborns!

Crows have great memory and can remember your face... Better mind your manners next time you see a crow!



#### How would you describe Crow?

How would you describe The Shadow?

What changed throughout the story?

What is the most important part of the story?



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# MEET THE AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR OLAOLU & JOSHUA OGUNYEMI (YEP, WE ARE BROTHERS!)



A loving husband, Father, teen mentor, and U.S. Marine Officer, Olaolu has a deep passion for working with children fueled by an unending supply of energy and imagination! Since he was young, Olaolu has been nicknamed the "life of the party" because he pours his exuberant personality into every story that he tells. As the fifth of six children, he is intimately familiar with the bond that is forged during quality storytime; thus, Olaolu was inspired to start writing children's stories to help create loving and memorable family moments.

Olaolu writes in a simple, easily understandable language, and an entertaining style that keeps families hooked to his books while learning vital lessons about virtues and sparking a continuing conversation.

Olaolu is a frequent traveler and in his free time, he enjoys playing music, exercising, writing, and spending time with his family.



"Josh O." is a devoted husband, dad, mentor, author, and entrepreneur. He is proof that faith, courage, and determination will outlast even the toughest challenges. His story has inspired many, exemplifying spiritual and mental toughness, defying every challenge he's had to face.

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