

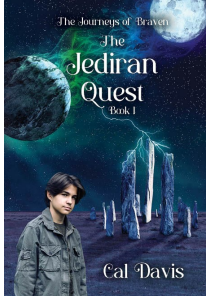
Reading Should Be FUN!

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Cal's Corner

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Excerpt from The Jediran Quest, Book 1, Journeys of Braven, Award-winning Teen/Young Adult for Action and Adventure

All around the team, foliage moved. Flowers closed and leaves hugged their support limbs until the vegetation seemed almost non-existent. What an eerie sensation! Braven remembered his mother's fascination with the unique adaptation of the local vegetation just prior to one of the rare violent storms that plagued Jedira...Within seconds, the wind increased in velocity. Hair and clothes whipped from side to side...The violent gusts whipped Braven's clothing horrendously, and the lightning pulverized the ground and tower within a few meters of their location. The ear-piercing noise of the explosions and screams of the wind tortured them insanely. Rocks and shrapnel splattered them making holes in clothing and penetrating skin. The entire ground shook as in a seismic event. The wind howled and electrical volts pounded too close which unnerved Braven's senses. He could hardly stand the terror of a possible strike on his body. There was no safe place to hide, and everyone was vulnerable. His muscles tensed with every colliding hit of energy. His screams to relieve the tension could not be heard over the tremendous thrashing going on all around. His mind swirled, and fear of unknown results gripped him...Enormous explosions from the lightning came from all directions. The excessive howling of the wind pierced his ears. He screamed.

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Current Work

I have been recovering and have not been up to writing too much this last month plus. No pity needed. Ideas for stories just keep coming so don't give up on me! I have started on a youth mystery novel, which is a little challenging to me. I know, I know. I only have about five books that I'm working at any given time. Crazy, I know.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 21 - Pittsburg
Pioneer Days

Oct 8 - New Boston
Golden Quill Writers;
speaker: Caryl McAdoo

Nov 9 - Henderson
Syrup Festival

Fun Trivia

**What is the shortest
complete English
sentence?**

Golden Quill Writers

New Boston, TX

Golden Quill Writers meet every 2nd Tuesday at 6:00PM at Rice Street Community Center, 303 Rice, New Boston, TX. The mission statement is to support local authors through education, resources, marketing, and outreach. Authors include poets, playwrights, editors, book cover and graphic designers, translators and any other trade that supports authors. No obligation to just drop in and check it out.

Trivia answer: Go.

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AWESOME ANIMALS



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Corner

Trivia: *How many noses does a slug have?*

Fun Facts:

- A slug's body is made up of 90% water.
- Slugs are more active at night when it is cooler.
- Slugs move by a muscle wave and produce slim to reduce friction so it can slide on a rough surface.
- Slugs have no bones.
- Slugs eat dead things but also fruits, veggies, and leaves. Not so good in your veggie garden.
- The lettuce sea slug doesn't eat, because it is solar-powered. It gets all of its energy from the sun. How about that!

What's the difference between a snail and slug?



Other than the snail's shell, there are very few differences.

CAUTION: Salt will kill slugs. It dehydrates or takes the liquid out of their body. Be careful with that salt shaker.

Trivia Answer: *Slugs have four noses. One on each tentacle and one on each side of their head.*

Excerpt from I'm Just a Crow

I'm just a crow. Just an ordinary crow--nothing special. Nobody likes us. We are never invited to the bird parties. We crows are so unloved.

In the end of the book, Mr. Crow found that being himself was the greatest thing to be. You, like Mr. Crow, were created to be great. Always love yourself and be who you are, not what others think you should be.

You are
unique!

Why do leaves change colors?

Basically, they are getting ready for the winter cold and are storing their energy. The leaves would freeze which would make the tree lose that energy. It's a survival technique.

Here's a PBS video for [kids](#) that explains the basics.

Here's a detailed video for the [older folks](#).

