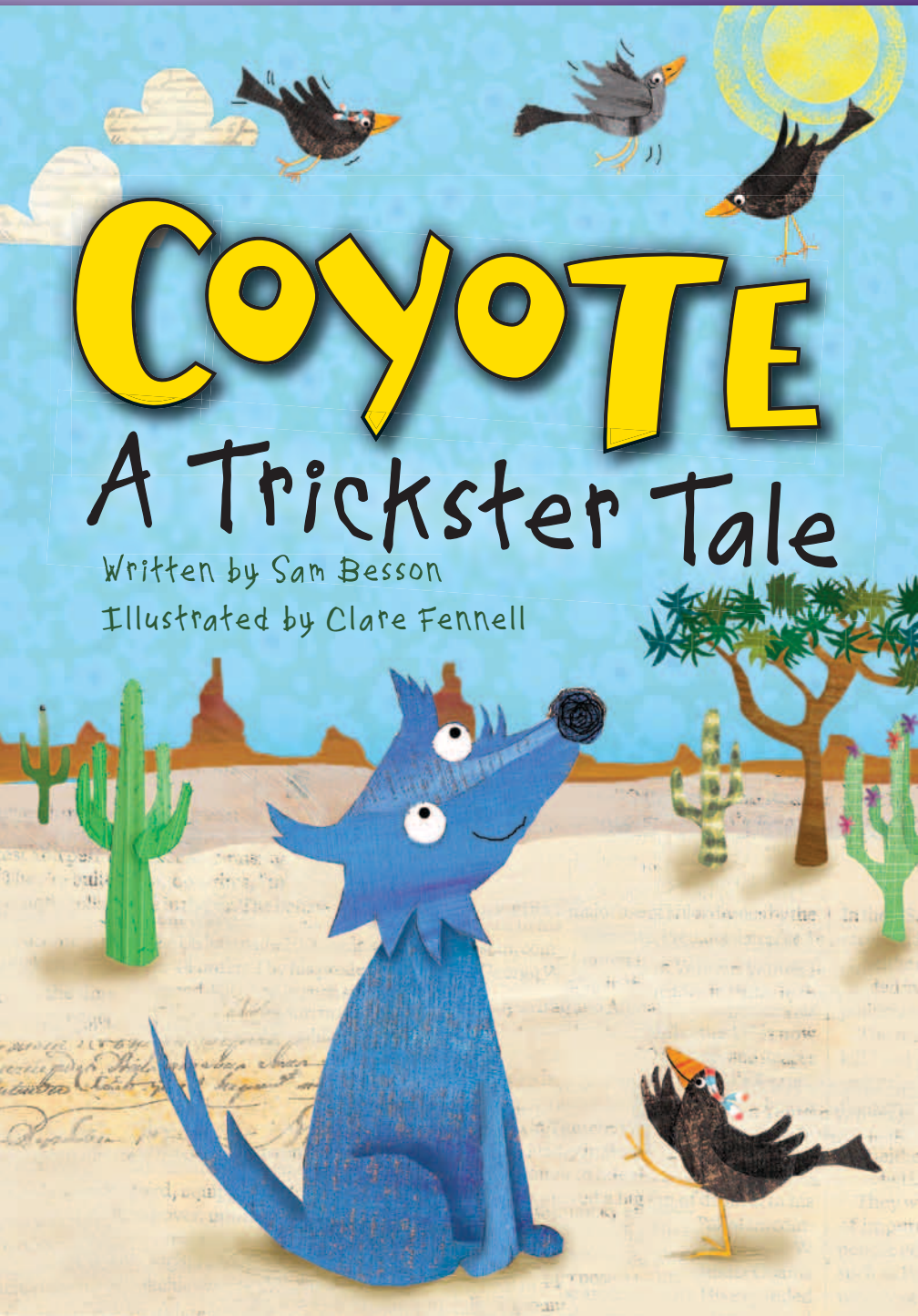

Coyote
A Trickster Tale
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Chapter One

A Nose for Trouble

One day, as Coyote was passing by a spiky Joshua tree, he saw a flock of crows singing and dancing, chanting, and laughing. He turned and crept up close to watch them.



Coyote had a nose for trouble, and he was following his nose again! He forgot that the crows were always trying to trick him. He watched as the crows flew into the sky and headed toward the canyon.

If only I could fly, he thought. *That would mean I would be the greatest coyote ever born. Maybe the crows could show me how.*

So Coyote called to the crows as they circled the canyon, "I'd love to join you!"

Old Man Crow laughed to himself and said to his flock, "Let's have some fun with this silly creature."



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Then, Old Man Crow flew down to the Joshua tree and asked Coyote, "Would you like to dance with us?"

"Oh, yes please," replied Coyote. "But I would really like to fly."

"Mmm...maybe you can," said Old Man Crow, stroking his beak with his wing. "Let me see if we can help you."



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Chapter Two

Wings

Old Man Crow plucked a shiny black feather from one of his wings. He told his flock to do the same.

