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### Editorial Review

From School Library Journal

Starred Review. Kindergarten-Grade 4—Based on the reminiscence of a day in 1945, Lowry's nostalgic story has appeal that will resonate with 21st-century children. Lizzie's father has just returned from serving in World War II and she's a bit shy even though she's excited about spending the day with him. They are going to hunt crows that are eating the farmers' crops. The eight-year-old is warmly dressed in a man's plaid wool shirt that she had admired in a store window and her father bought for her even though it comes down to her knees. After an early diner breakfast of her favorite cherry pie, they head toward the woods. Being in charge of the crow call, a whistle intended to lure prey to the hunter, Lizzie is impressed with the number of birds she entices, yet feels uncomfortable because they are about to be killed. However, her father never raises his rifle; he simply enjoys watching his enthralled daughter and the multitude of birds that have heeded her call. Remarkable, atmospheric illustrations reveal the subdued, cool autumn colors of crunchy dried grass, softly hued sky, and dark leafless trees. The memory of a treasured day spent with a special person will resonate with readers everywhere.—*Maryann H. Owen, Racine Public Library, WI* END

### About the Author

Lois Lowry is the author of many acclaimed books for children. She is a two-time Newbery Award winner -- for *NUMBER THE STARS*, a book that is required reading in many classrooms, and *THE GIVER*, which remains one of the most talked-about and debated books in children's publishing history. *THE GIVER* is soon to be a major motion picture with Walden Media. She is also the author of *GOSSAMER*, *CROW CALL*, and *THE WILLOUGHBY'S*, among many, many others. She lives in Massachusetts with her family.

Bagram Ibatoulline was born in Russia and educated at the Moscow State Academic Art Institute. He has illustrated many books for children, including *THE ADVENTURES OF MARCO POLO* by Russell Freedman, and *CROW CALL* by Lois Lowry. Bagram lives in Gouldsboro, Pennsylvania.

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