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What is its shape? What shape are its _____? What shape is its _____? What shape is its _____? How does it _____? Does it _____ trees? How does it _____? I had memorized these _____ from the field guide. I repeated them so much in my head they seemed to have a _____. I knew the whole _____ of a _____. My favorite part of the book was the _____ and the _____, not as if the book held a story, but I loved the two sets of pictures of the _____ silhouettes.

Number _____ was the magpie, _____ the meadowlark, _____ well, that was the mockingbird, and _____ was the nighthawk.

I was certain the silhouette of the great egret had passed my courtyard window.

When I finally reached the courtyard I saw that my _____ was not a _____ at all. My _____ was a boy, and a girl, and a mother, and a child. The mother, the girl, the child. They looked like they were sleeping, eyes closed, listless. The boy lay on the ground on his back as if he had fallen from a _____, _____.

It was not until the policemen came and raked through the courtyard's waste that I could turn away. I was still holding my Peterson Field guide. I had no names for what I saw.