How the Cockatoo Got its Crest

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as remembered from a story once read to her

Once upon a time the cockatoos were all white.

The other birds teased the cockatoo for he had no colors. One day he found three colored feathers. He picked them up and put them in his tail.

When he went walking the other birds noticed that they were their feathers. They started to pluck out the cockatoo's feathers.

The cockatoo flew and flew and hit the sun.

The sun was so hot that it made his crest yellow and he came shooting back to earth.

That's why cockatoos have yellow crests.

If you look in the trees and see a cockatoo, you'll notice that its crest is yellow.