

1: Stone Fox / Top Secret by John Reynolds Gardiner

STONE FOX has withstood the test of time. I recall this book being on the "Battle of the Books" list almost 20 years ago. I enjoyed it then and refreshed my memory by rereading it as a possible Christmas gift for my third grade grandson.

When his grandfather falls ill, it is up to Willy alone to save their farm from the tax collector. Robinson on Dec 17, The quality of the recording is great, as is the narration - 5 stars there. I read the reviews about this book having a sad ending and it is indeed a very sad, but touching story. I was disappointed however, because the sad event occurs and then the book feels like is very abruptly ends. Listening to it was different and I felt surprised it ended as it did. I found myself wishing for some additional lines to wrap the story up. It would have been nice to have the satisfaction of hearing some happy details after the sad ones. Still it is a good story. My favorite part was when a lot of caring at the end. I think I should recomend this book to someone that likes dog sled races because this book has two. My favorite part is when little willy enters a race. I think the lesson i learned is to never give up like when he never gave up on selling his farm when every one agreed sell the farm. I would reccomend this book to someone because there are some intresting parts happy parts even some sad parts. AP12 Beautiful stories, well read By S. We fell in love with B. Wong on audio listening to him perform the "Runaway Ralph" series. Ventura on Oct 11, Great book!! I play it in my classroom for kids to follow along. Fast shipping, and no problems. My class really enjoyed these stories. By Robert on Jun 06, great product at a modest price Handy little device. Thanks for a good product. I definitely recommend this item. Add a Book Review Book Summary: This particular edition is in a Audio CD format. It was published by HarperFestival and has a total of 2 pages in the book. To buy this book at the lowest price, [Click Here](#).

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A native of Los Angeles, he has lived in West Germany, Central America, and the state of Idaho, where he first heard the legend that is the basis for Stone Fox, his first published work. He is also the author of Top Secret and General Butterfingers.

When his grandfather falls ill and the tax collector comes calling for back taxes, Willy is determined to find the money to save the farm. He sees an advertisement for the National Dogsled Race, held each year in Jackson and decides to enter. He is convinced that he and Searchlight can beat the other racers, among them, an American Indian, Stone Fox. Stone Fox has a team of five Samoyeds and has never lost a race. He races to earn prize money so that he can buy back land taken from his people. John Reynolds Gardiner has written a beautiful story of faith and courage with strong, exciting scenes that move the story along at a fast pace. With its powerful, emotional ending, youngsters begin to understand that not every story has a happy ending and you have to learn to accept the good with the bad. Stone Fox is a story of two heroes, trying to win the race for good causes and in the end, they were both winners. A must read for children age and the perfect read-aloud family book. Even though he was just learning, the exciting story about the boy racing his favorite sled dog to get prize money to save the family farm was gripping. Not too hard or too long either. Even though I am a grown-up, the ending surprised me and moved me. It was exciting, and it made me think. Kids, read it before they assign it in school! Parents, if you have a reluctant reader, give this one a try. You will even enjoy it yourselves. I picked it up and was reading the last two chapters or so and then the tears started flowing. Thankfully, it got better at the very end and the waterworks stopped. I recommend it highly. It should be right up there on your list. The book was very touching to read along with my son. My son was required to read this book for his summer reading list. The struggle that young people go through in life is sometimes overlooked. I feel that Gardiner focuses on the struggles. Willy has decided to save the farm and what he believes to be his Grandfather's life. In this story a young boy must make adult decisions. Willy could have easily let his Grandfather stay with someone else but he chose to care for him and perform the chores of raising a crop. These are very mature decisions made by a young boy. I could feel the love Willy had for his Grandfather as well as the love Searchlight had for Willy. Although the ending was sad it allowed us to view the reality of life. Some struggles end in death and not with happy endings. I would encourage people to read and look beyond the words on the pages. This book was intense with emotional moments that would bring tears to anyone's eyes. I would classify it as a chapter book because it has chapters ten of them, simple, easy to read language, and an elementary plot that children can follow. In the beginning, I was interested in the book because of its premise. In fact, the teens voted them as their least favorite characters in the novel. The story picked up when Stone Fox was introduced, a Shoshone Indian who lives on a reservation with another Indian tribe, the Arapaho. The ending ruined the book for me, and almost everyone agreed minus a few of the guys in the reading club. The historical roots intrigued me. Unfortunately, everything is fictional minus the dog Searchlight and the ending. The seasons change from potato harvest to winter, all important details for the plot. The plot is a simple one-- a coming of age story for the protagonist Willy. Willy conquers one obstacle after another until a climatic and unforeseeable ending, which is the only part of the story that is based on the actual legend. I tried researching the legend, but there was very little substance available on the Internet. There could be some information in scholarly databases, or it might be an oral legend, with John Reynolds Gardiner being the first to write it down. As I already mentioned, none of the characters are based on the original Rocky Mountain legend. I did appreciate, though, that Gardiner created a woman physician for the book a good role model for young children. In the end, the character development is rather simple because the book is meant for such a young audience. Likewise, there are no literary elements utilized or complex writing strategies employed because, again, it would take away from the simplicity of the story and the "easy to read" factor that parents and teachers are looking for when they give this book to children. Despite its simplicity, there are positive and powerful themes and motifs in the story: There are even more than these, but listing the others would spoil the story for those who have not read Stone Fox. All I can fathom is that he wanted to preserve

the oral legend that he had heard. One aspect I would have liked was more research information about the legend, but as I already speculated, perhaps that information does not exist, or at least is not readily accessible for the everyday reader. One of the best and most powerful aspects of this read are the illustrations, drawn by Marcia Sewall. The illustrations add the perfect amount of visualization for young children transitioning into chapter books, and they are so beautifully sketched that even adults are sure to find a lot of enjoyment in them. It fit with the overall time period feel of the piece. I highly recommend reading Stone Fox just to get an opportunity to see her artwork. It is what I would call a "dog book," so if you like dog heroes, you might enjoy this one. One word of caution, though, for parents with sensitive children, is that the ending is quite a shock I was upset over the ending, as were numerous others, and I have a feeling that some children will not appreciate the abruptness. It never hurts to be cautious, especially if your children are not ready for such a sudden end. In the end, I recommend this book for most children, with some minor exceptions. There are also fabulous resources for teachers using this book in their classroom. If you do a Google search on the web, you will find numerous sites that include lesson outlines. There is even a resource book that you can purchase in conjunction with this one. There are discussion questions, book recommendations for children who liked this one, and even lesson plans about the state of Wyoming, women doctors, vocabulary, and human relations, to name just a few. I especially liked how the homeschool website included a botany lesson and a potato recipe. It takes reading outside the novel, and makes the story more engaging for nontraditional learners. Overall, it was an "ok" story with the soft pencil illustrations stealing the show. When winter setteled in,the grandfather got sick. Can Willy take care of the farm and make money? To find out you must read this book. It is the best book. I recommend you read this book because you will enjoy it. There are many good charactres in this story,but the main characters are Willy,and his dog Search light. Willy is a good boy who only wants to keep his remaining family alive. I like this book because of the type of person Willy is. He was small yet determined. He was a good sport,and he played fair. He was young in the story about This book is a must read. Please read Stone Fox! However, I did like that there were a lot of different descriptions about the harsh winter weather in Wyoming. I especially liked that there were a lot of details and I could picture what was happening in my mind. I liked how there were some funny parts like when Grandfather dressed up like a scarecrow. My favorite part was when Little Willy carried Searchlight over the finish line and even won. I encourage many other students to read the book Stone Fox. It is about a ten year old boy named little Willy and his dog Searchlight. His grandpa is keeping a secret from him which is the cause of grandpa being sick. Little Willy feels very confident in himself, but the great Stone Fox is coming. He has never lost a race. Does he beat the great Stone Fox? Does grandpa get better? Do they keep their farm? Use my advice and read the book to find out. He has a dog named Searchlight. But then little Willy got worried. So he went to see Doc Smith. She also thought that he was just playing with him.

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Little Willy has a big job to do. When his grandfather falls ill, it is up to Willy alone to save their farm from the tax collector. He enters the National Dogsled Race, where he must beat the Indian Stone Fox and his five beautiful Samoyed dogs.

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*In a moving end, Stone Fox understands that Willy and Searchlight are the true winners and allows Willy to carry Searchlight across the finish line and collect the www.enganchecubano.com author of a number of children's books, including *General Butterfingers* and *Top Secret*, John Reynolds Gardiner got the idea for his story from a Rocky Mountain legend told to him in a cafe; in Idaho.*

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