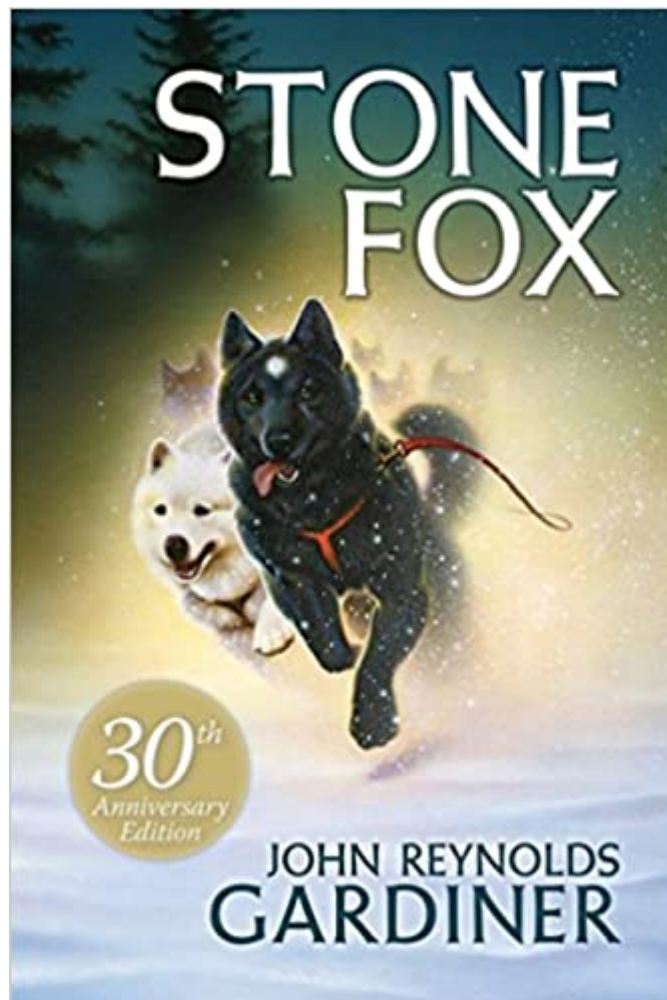


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# Stone Fox



## Synopsis

John Reynolds Gardiner's classic action-packed adventure story about a thrilling dogsled race has captivated readers for more than thirty years. Based on a Rocky Mountain legend, Stone Fox tells the story of Little Willy, who lives with his grandfather in Wyoming. When Grandfather falls ill, he is no longer able to work the farm, which is in danger of foreclosure. Little Willy is determined to win the National Dogsled Race—the prize money would save the farm and his grandfather. But he isn't the only one who desperately wants to win. Willy and his brave dog Searchlight must face off against experienced racers, including a Native American man named Stone Fox, who has never lost a race. Exciting and heartwarming, this novel has sold millions of copies and was named a New York Times Outstanding Children's Book.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 2 - 6

## Customer Reviews

Grade 3-6-Two delightful short books by John Reynolds Gardiner have been paired up in this audio set. Stone Fox (HarperCollins, 1980) tells the story of a boy determined to win a dog sled race to save his grandfather's farm. No one has ever beaten Stone Fox, an imposing and silent Native American, but little Willy trains daily for the race with his beloved dog, Searchlight. It seems like

Willy might even win the race until heartbreaking tragedy strikes. *Top Secret* (Little, 1984) also features a determined boy and his grandfather, but in a much different setting and story. Allen Brewster has a fantastic idea that might even win the silver trophy at the science fair human photosynthesis. He has several obstacles to overcome. Allen persists in his mission using the scientific method and finally comes up with a concoction that turns him into a human plant. He turns green, craves sunlight and water instead of food, and sprouts baby roots if he stands in mud too long. Everything changes when Allen is deemed a threat to national security and his project is suddenly top secret. Both books are about 20 years old, so the characters do not represent very diverse backgrounds, but the messages of loyalty and determination are timeless. Tony Award winner B. D. Wong narrates the characters to fit the emotion and suspense of each story. The fact that one sentence was left out of the narration of *Stone Fox* and a few words were dropped from *Top Secret* might deter purchase of this audiobook for a read-along program. Each story could be listened to for pleasure or as a springboard for classroom discussion. Teresa Wittmann, St. Anthony School, Renton, WA Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the School & Library Binding edition.

â œGardinerâ™s description of the race and sudden climax (based on legend) is fast-paced and enveloping.â • (School Library Journal)â œA superb piece of storytellingâ ”without doubt the most exciting and moving book this season.â • (The New Yorker)

This was a book I read to my 3rd graders as a read aloud. As I read the last few paragraphs I nearly broke down into tears in front of my students. You could hear a pin drop in my classroom. I had to stop and pause for a few minutes before I could go on. When I finally finished the story a few of my children had tears in their eyes, but they held it together better than I did. What a heartfelt story!! We truly enjoyed it!

My 10-year-old nephew recommended this book to me. It is so authentic and such a well-told story. I bought a class set with my own money for my students because I wanted to share it with them and we cried together as we read it. I love that Gardiner didn't bend over backwards trying to make it politically correct. He depicted the true culture of the time and subtly showed racism without naming it, leading the young readers to their own thoughts.

My 9 year old daughter loves this book. I haven't read it yet but she started reading it in her

classroom. I ordered it for her for Christmas since she loves it so much.

My grandson had to read the Stone Fox for his summer reading project. He needed the paper version as they will be using for school. The book came two days after ordering and he started reading it right away. The book is full of details about the boy and his dog, it gives great insight into the way people live that may not be as affluent as others. It is sad but true to the way of the world and how things work out sometimes. Good book

My son's fourth grade class read this for a book report. I bought it to read so we could talk about it, summarize it, write about it. I am happy that we will be able to discuss many aspects of this book about love, loyalty, perseverance, and determination!

Predictable with no depth.

My daughter read this book to me every day has one of her homework assignments. Normally I find it easy to tune her out but this book was actually intriguing. She only has to read for 30 minutes per night, but to be quite honest I couldn't wait to see what happened in the race at the end. I really like the story. It has a lot of moral value to it, as well as excitement.

My grandson loved it!

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