

Stone Fox

John Reynolds Gardiner

Characters:

Little Willy- Main character. A boy determined to give his grandfather a reason to live and save their farm. Races against Stone Fox.

Doc Smith- Grandfather's doctor. Had snow white hair, tan skin, and a wrinkly face.

Rex- Doc Smith's palomino horse.

Grandfather- Willie's caretaker who owns a potato farm.

Searchlight- Willie's dog. Dies of a heart attack just before she wins the race. Born on the same day as Willie.

Mrs. Peacock- A woman who took care of old men.

Stone Fox- A Shoshone Native American that has never lost a race, but threatens to shoot anyone if they beat Little Willie.

Miss Williams- Willie's teacher, complains that he asks to many questions.

Clifford Snyder- The tax collector that threatens to take Grandfather and Willie's farm.

Dusty- The town drunk.

Questions:

1. What state do Willie and Grandfather live in? Wyoming
2. What color is Searchlight? Black
3. What size is the spot on Searchlight's head? The size of a silver dollar
4. How old is Willie? 10
5. What is the name of
6. Doc Smith's horse? Rex
7. What was Willie's reply when Doc Smith asked him if he had to ask so many questions? "Grandfather says it's good to ask questions
8. According to Doc Smith, medically, what is Grandfather as healthy as? An ox
9. Why was Grandfather dieing? He had lost the will to live
10. What color eyes did Searchlight have? Green
11. What instrument did Grandfather play? A harmonica
12. What did one finger mean in Grandfather and Willie's code? Hungry

13. How much money did Willie have saved for college? Fifty dollars
14. How tall do potato plants grow to be? Two feet high
15. How can you tell when it's winter in Wyoming? There is snow on everything
16. What did Willie make for breakfast? Oatmeal mush
17. What town did Willie live near? Jackson
18. What did Grandfather call people who wouldn't know a potato from a peanut? City slickers
19. Who was Clifford Snyder afraid of? Searchlight
20. What color are Clifford Snyder's teeth? Yellow
21. How much did Willie owe Clifford Snyder? \$500
22. Why did Stone Fox enter races? To get his peoples' land back
23. How long was the race that Willie and Searchlight were entered in? 10 miles
24. How many competitors were there in the race? 9
25. What day of the week did Grandfather run out of medicine? Friday night
26. Why did Willie have a black eye? Stone Fox hit him
27. What happened in the last few lengths of the race? Searchlight had a heart attack and Willie started to cry, then Snow Fox stopped and told everybody else that if they tried to cross the finish the race first, he would shoot them, then he told Willie to take his dog and run the last 10ft. Of the race

In What Book...

1. Did a woman have a horse named Rex?
2. Did a boy and a dog have the same birthday?
3. Did a dog have a white spot on her forehead?
4. Did a Native American have five white dogs?
5. Did a man threaten to shoot anyone who crossed the finish line first?
6. Did a dog have a heart attack?
7. Did a boy and a dog harvest potatoes all by themselves?