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# Silver (A Stepping Stone Book(TM))



## Synopsis

Deep in the Alaskan wilds, 9-year-old Rachel dreams of owning and racing a sled dog one day. When her father, who breeds and races huskies, gives her the runt of the litter, Rachel names the puppy Silver and sets out to prove he's a champion.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 6 - 9 years

Grade Level: 1 - 4

## Customer Reviews

Set in Alaska, Silver is told by nine-year-old Rachel, whose father competes in dog sled races in the winter. She is given the runt of the litter of puppies born to her father's best sled dog, and she names him Silver. While her father is competing in the Iditarod, Silver is stolen by a mother wolf to replace one of her cubs who had died. Rachel rescues the pup and trudges home through the snowstorm, barely able to find her way. Safely home, she awaits word of her father, who finishes third in the dog sled race. This is a lively, thoroughly credible story emphasizing the loneliness and excitement of Alaskan living for a young girl. The strong and forceful female protagonist brings to mind Jean George's older and more sophisticated Julie of the Wolves (Harper, 1972) for more advanced readers. Hayden E. Atwood, Cape Elizabeth Middle School, Maine Copyright 1988  
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title.

"The writing is smooth at a low reading level. Effectively planned appeal for transitional readers."--Bulletin, Center for Children's Books.Â Â

My grandchildren didn't say anything positive or negative about this book. It seemed good, but couldn't give it five stars.

Great! Arrived earlier than expected.

This is a great book to use for readers who need an easier-to-read book at the 3rd grade level. It is a story with characters they can relate to and can be used in conjunction with the Iditarod Race as it occurs in Alaska. I enjoyed connecting it to common core standards for reading comprehension skills and following story development.

This was a great book. Has so much excitement in it. the book is really about being different. Silver was different And so was Rachel

In this book, there is a girl named Rachel who is very happy because she tried to get a sled dog, and gets a puppy. She names it Silver because it looks silver, and has one eye brown and one eye blue. She trains him so well that he becomes a racing dog. Silver was lost and she went to go look for him, and found wolf tracks that led to a hole where a baby wolf was trapped and dead. Silver was behind the dead wolf and he was safe, but he scared the big wolf that was about to hurt Rachel. The dad said that the big wolf wanted Silver to replace the dead wolf. In the end, her dad wins a race and Silver grows up to be a good, strong racing dog. My favorite part is when her dad wins the race, because it is the happiest part. It was really scary when Rachel saw the dead wolf. This book might be a little too scary for first graders, but it is really exciting for older kids, especially in the parts when her dad wins and when she gets a puppy. This was a great book and I'm happy I read it. By JG.

A nine year old girl lives in Alaska and her dad is a dog racer his lead dog is going to have pups so he can't use her in the big race after Rachel watched one of the smaller race's her dad was in she decided that she wanted one of the lead dogs pups so when the lead dog had pups she got the runt

then she began to feed him. Some of her food soon it was time for the big race when her dad I get she just kept feeding him one day when she came back from school the shed was open so ran over and only saw four pups she couldn't find her dog anywhere. THEN she saw big tracks she decided that a wo

Most early chapter books, in an effort to keep things simple and easy to read, may feel too condescending to the reluctant or lower-skilled reader. I must applaud Whelan for giving us a story that respects the reader with an interesting tale that won't overtax a growing reader. The story, set in Alaska, is told from the point of view of a young girl whose father runs the Rony and Iditarod. Silver is the runt of a litter of sled dogs that she raises with dreams of running the Iditarod herself. I was quite impressed with this book and would recommend it to youngsters already reading chapter books, but also as a HI-LO (high interest, low ability) for older kids. Those are not easy to find.

There is a girl Rachel that lives in Alaska. Her dad is a sled dog racer. But when the best dog on the team has puppies she wants one. She gets one after months of begging and she names it Silver. One day she forgets to close the gate to Silver's pen and he escapes. Rachel comes home later and notices he's gone so she runs to find him. An hour later she notices it's getting dark but she also notices some foot prints in the snow. She follows them and realizes she's tracking down a wolf and that the wolf has babies. The wolf starts coming and it's with Silver. She picks him up and runs. As she is a couple feet away from the door her mom opens it and she lets her in. Later, her dad comes home and she tells him all about the adventure with Silver. I think this book was so intense but yet so peaceful and loving and so good that I could read it again and again. The best part of this book is when Silver runs away because it's so touching because if I lost my dog in the middle of a snow storm I know I would feel terrible and so sad. I think the worst part of this book is when they just talk about how their dad is going to race his dogs because the main events are basically about losing Silver but otherwise the author did really good job. I would recommend this book because the story is told like no one could tell it.

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