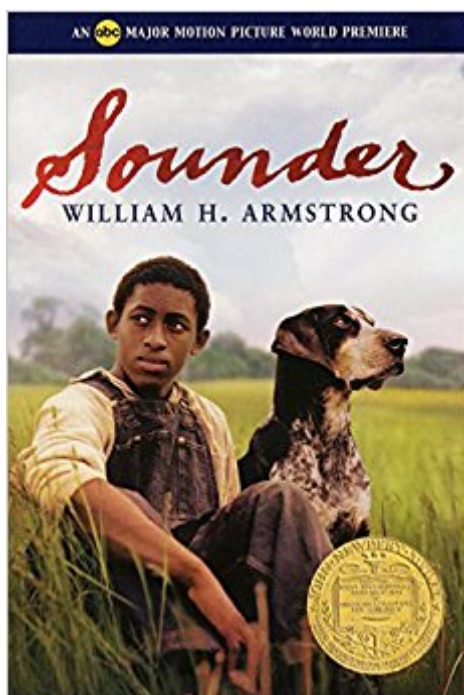


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# Sounder



## Synopsis

Set in the Deep South, this Newbery Medal-winning novel tells the story of the great coon dog, Sounder, and the poor sharecroppers who own him. Celebrating 30 years! During the difficult years of the nineteenth century South, an African American boy and his poor family rarely have enough to eat. Each night, the boy's father takes their dog, Sounder, out to look for food and the man grows more desperate by the day. When food suddenly appears on the table one morning, it seems like a blessing. But the sheriff and his deputies are not far behind. The ever-loyal Sounder remains determined to help the family he loves as hard times bear down on them. This classic novel shows the courage, love, and faith that bind an African American family together despite the racism and inhumanity they face. Readers who enjoy timeless dog stories such as *Old Yeller* and *Where the Red Fern Grows* will find much to love in *Sounder*.

## Book Information

Lexile Measure: 900 (What's this?)

Paperback: 116 pages

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 5 and up

## Customer Reviews

*Sounder* is no beauty. But as a coon dog, this loyal mongrel with his cavernous bark is unmatched. When the African American sharecropper who has raised Sounder from a pup is hauled off to jail for stealing a hog, his family must suffer their humiliation and crushing loss with no recourse. To make matters worse, in the fracas, Sounder is shot and disappears. The eventual return of a tattered and emaciated Sounder doesn't change the fact that the sharecropper's oldest son is forced to take on

man's work to help support the family. His transition to adulthood is paved by the rocks and taunts hurled at him by convicts and guards as he searches for his father. But along this rough road he ultimately finds salvation as well. William H. Armstrong's Newbery Award-winning novel quickly became a classic as a moving portrayal of resilience and hope in the face of profound human tragedy. Decades later, the bittersweet story still rings true, as strong-spirited individuals continue to battle the evil of prejudice. (Ages 9 to 12) --Emilie Coulter --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

"A rarely beautiful, understated novel about a black share-cropper and his family in the 19th-century American South. An extraordinarily sensitive book." -- "School Library Journal""The power of the writing lies in its combination of subtlety and strength." -- "H." "The writing is simple, timeless and extraordinarily moving. An outstanding book."-- "Commonweal

This was a very interesting but sad story. It gives insight into how thoughtless human kind has been towards races of different color in the past. I thought it would be a book for young children but as an adult after reading it I would not recommend it to young children of today's generations.

This is a sad tale. An easy and quick book to read. It makes it easy to sympathize with the poor in the South back then. My heart ached for the boy and the dog.

Good book for my grandson as he loves to read and is only 9 years of age!

Arrived as promised...

Read this as a class assignment when I was in school and was inspired to watch the movie.

I use this in my 5th grade classroom while we read along in the book. The narration is perfect. It's Avery Brooks, the actor who played Hawk on "Spencer for Hire." The kids love it.

Great book, every kid in school should have to read this to understand the life of a black sharecroppers family after the Civil War.

I liked the book a lot - it is a touching although heartbreaking story. My 8 year old son, for whom I

bought the book, was not crazy about it. I think the story might be a little depressing for young children. I watched the movie after reading the book - the book is much better than the movie.

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