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**"You Can't Keep A Coyote!**

**They're Wild...."**

Brad has always wanted a dog, so when he catches the little coyote, he decides to keep it. He couldn't have a dog when his family lived in a Chicago apartment, but now that they've moved to rural Oklahoma anything seems possible. Even rescuing an orphaned coyote pup...and keeping it a secret from his parents. With his friend Nolan's help, Brad is determined to tame Scooter, train him, play with him, and hide him in an old dog pen behind the barn. It almost works...until Mom and Dad discover his secret -- and Scooter steals their hearts and gives them all a coyote's-eye view of what it's like to live in the dangerous world of men.

## Coyote Autumn Details

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### **Shirley says**

I am so glad Austin recommended this book. It was a tear-jerker for me. The book is filled with love, empathy, and emotion for the pets we love so dearly.

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### **Calihan Scott says**

•Personal Reaction: I loved this book. I could really relate to this book because I too want a dog. It is a great book about a young boy named Brad who wants a dog but ends up finding a coyote pup. Once he rescues this coyote Brad has to tame the coyote before his parents find out there is a coyote in their barn. It's a wonderful story that shows a coyote's point of view on the world.

•Purpose(s):

o Independent reading: I think this book would be better for students to read independently. I think students would find it more enjoyable if they read it on their own. It is a great book for 1st through 3rd graders.

•Literary Elements: This book would be a good book to talk about setting. The setting in this book is very important to the story. Teachers could also talk about theme. In this book it is about knowing what is best for others and knowing when to let go. Students could come up with evidence in the book to support the theme.

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### **Blake Schartner says**

I thought that Coyote autumn was a very good book. it was about a boy and his friends that were very close to each other and they went into the woods and found a liter of coyotes and Brad the main character wanted a dog. His parents wouldn't let him get a dog so he thought this would be a great idea to take a pup and raise it like a dog! He thought his parents would be very mad that he took the pup so he hid the coyote outside on the back side of the garage in a pen. I thought this was very cool because i always thought that it would be very cool to raise a coyote. I also thought it was kind of neat that there were coyote hunters that drove down the road with there dogs in the back.I coyote hunt with dogs too. i thought that was very cool also. this was a good book over all.

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### **Marilyn says**

This is a sweet dog story for children. I read it because I enjoyed Wallace's book Red Dog so much several years ago. While this book wasn't quite as good as Red Dog, I still enjoyed it and would encourage anyone with children who love dog stories to read it.

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### **Red says**

Not a lot to say on this book, it provides the common topic many childrens and teens books will use: You

can't keep a wild animal. The difference is, if memory serves me, the coyote is released to a wildlife preserve and not tossed into the wild.

While the message is well intended and this book has several scenes I find fresh and pleasant, even going so far as to have the animal ruin outfits by defecating upon them and picking fights with family pets, it's still a message that tends to be vastly overused and wrong.

Animals live longer in captivity. Often happier lives that way. Thus the book holds up better than most, but still hits a sour note with the predictable ending.

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### **Lori says**

Bill Wallace has been and always will be a staple in any Oklahoma teacher's library, especially in the Middle school/Junior High level. His books seem directed towards boys, but girls could benefit from the ruggedness of the outdoors that Mr. Wallace describes so well. Any of his books could be recommended to students from late elementary and up to high school.

"Coyote Autumn" is a story about a boy who finds an orphaned coyote and his struggles and joys as the pup grows up. On a personal note, this story brought back memories of going "coyote hunting" with my grandfather when I was a little girl. Exactly as it was described in the book, he would let the dogs out when he spotted a coyote out on a ridge and boy could those greyhounds run!

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### **Valerie Basham says**

Perfect for boys, ages 8-11. This author was from my area in Oklahoma, so it was interesting reading about familiar places in my town.

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### **Megan McKenny says**

Personal reaction: This was a cute story about a boy who moves and finds fun and adventure in a place he thought was going to be boring. I liked his heart in caring for a new pet that he even keeps a secret from his parents to protect him. It is a story about finding friendship in unlikely places.

Purposes: This story could be read aloud for enjoyment but probably would be better enjoyed as an independent reading book. I think it would be an excellent story to do literature circles with as there are many elements that can be discussed among students. You could use parts of the story as readers theater activities as well.

Other: I think this story can reach to both boys and girls as everyone has a desire to love and both genders love pets.

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### **Hend Alalwani says**

Personal reaction:

I really enjoyed reading it, and I like that Bard helped the little coyote and provided safe place to live in. I like how Brad's friend helped him to take care of the coyote.

Read aloud to second grade children to make them learning about there are some pets are okay to have them in the house while other kinds are not okay to have them like lion and Coyote.

Independent reading:

Children from fourth to eight grades could read this book by themselves. Children will learn that they should not hide anything from their parents and be honest with them. They should not put themselves and their family in trouble like what happened to Brad's sister when she put the food for Scooter the coyote and bite her hands. Also, they will learn that not all animals could live with humans.

The story plot was good, and it grabs the reader's attention. The language is good and the author describes each detail very well.

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### **Ariel Smith says**

Personal Reaction: This book was great. It is a great book about a young boy named Brad who wants a dog but instead he finds a coyote pup. It's an awesome story that shows a coyote's point of view on the world and a boys love for animals.

Purpose(s):

Independent reading: I think this book would be better for students to read independently, they would more than likely enjoy it more than a read aloud, or even if it was assigned to them. It is more of a pleasure read than a required read. It would be great for children in 1st-3rd grade.

Reading circles: It could also be great to sit down with a group of children and talk about how this book relates to them, or what they think about adopting a coyote as a dog instead of a domesticated animal. It would also be a great talk about the difference between wild animals and domesticated animals.

Literary Elements: Teachers could use this book to talk about theme. The theme in this book is about knowing what is best for others and knowing when to let go. Students could examine parts of the book and figure out where the best theme for the book is. Maybe they'd think the theme was different than what I thought it was.

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### **Kathy says**

Brad is a city boy, recently moved to rural Oklahoma, who has always wanted a dog. At the same time he has become fascinated with some coyotes that live near the farm, and is traumatized when he witnesses their

killing by coyote hunters using greyhounds. As in so many books for kids, there has to be a secret to be kept from parents: in this case, a pup that is the lone survivor of the killing. Eventually, of course, Brad has to bear his parents' wrath, but is also gratified to learn that they share his love for Scooter. Even so, it is also inevitable that he has to make the right choice for the coyote's good.

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### **Ashley Wolford says**

I remember reading this book when I was younger so when I saw it for sale I just had to buy it and reread it.

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### **Audrie Estrada says**

Personal reaction: LOVED THIS BOOK! If you are an animal lover then this is a book for you. This book is all about a young boy who was never able to have a pet but finally gets the chance to have one. This boy's bond with a coyote will leave your heart melting.

Use in the classroom/Purpose:

read aloud: I'm not too sure I would use this as a read aloud because I enjoyed it more as an independent read. Although I'm sure you could still use it as a read aloud for young kids.

independent read: This would be a great independent read for kids who love animals or desire to have a pet of their own someday. This could even be an assigned independent read and there could be talks about how they think the coyote is going to react to being treated like an actual dog.

literary elements: character development and theme would be good ones for this book since there can be lots of themes taken from this book. The main character also goes through character development and that is seen pretty easily throughout the book.

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### **Sherrie says**

his book is all about Brad and the wild Coyote's that roam the fields where he lives. One day, while he's fishing at the Pond with his best friend Nolan, they stumble across a baby coyote. Knowing that the little pup will die if he doesn't help it, Brad takes the coyote - who he's named Scooter - home. Brad and Nolan shelter the pup and take care of him. They keep him a secret from his parents. They feed him, play with him and keep him inside the old dog pen behind the barn. But one day the whole thing comes apart. Will Brad be able to keep the pup? Does he get a dog from his parents? You'll have to read the book to find out.

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### **Sam says**

Coyote autumn was a awesome read and I really enjoyed it. The storyline itself was perfectly put together. It was really something that I could relate to. Brad who is the main character highly resembles a middle school student that enjoys the outdoors and adventures. The part of the story where brad ends up getting the coyote and naming him scooter was pretty cool. The story from this point got even more interesting when his parents ended up finding out and brad had to take the coyote someplace else. When brad takes scooter the

coyote to the state park where scooter will be able to run free was really sad. But at the same time you could feel the happiness in brad that he knew that scooter was in a place where he could run free and be the wild animal he really is. This book was really good and I would defiantly recommend it to others.

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