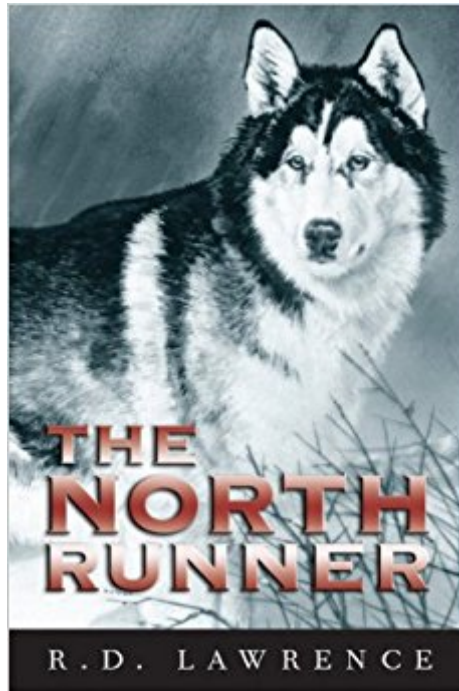




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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

"A remarkable story about the bond between a man and his dog ... Lawrence combines adventure with a keen appreciation of the natural beauty of the land."

A true and moving story of the building of trust between a man and an exceptional dog and the resulting affection and respect between them.

I can't say enough good things about this book. It was the 2nd R. D. Lawrence book I read and I absolutely could not stand for it to end. In time past I've owned two dogs with Yukon's characteristics and I miss them still. This is the true story of R. D. Lawrence buying a wolf/dog from a drunk who only wanted money to get more liquor and who had mistreated the animal horribly. Lawrence works with Yukon and over a period of time, offering him love instead of brutality, he wins the animal's trust. The story that follows can't be told here - you will have to read it, and I can guarantee you that you will be thinking about it long after you've turned the last page. I will not give this book away as I will read it again - I loved it that much.

I now have read 3 books by R D Lawrence and must say that I have thoroughly enjoyed all 3 of them. The first that I read was *The North Runner*. I was hooked on his writing style from the first few pages. He was a master of capturing the details of nature that surrounded him and certainly had a very special ability to befriend animals, as is the story of Yukon in this book and the animals of focus in the other 2 books. Along with *The North Runner*, I would highly recommend reading 'Secret Go The Wolves' and 'The Ghost Walker'. Both of those books are a joy and pleasure to read and allow the reader to get so engrossed that you can almost conjure up a detailed picture of what R D Lawrence was seeing & experiencing at the time. The man had a very special talent for exploring & appreciating nature to the fullest... then to be able to translate his experiences to his readers... just fantastic.

This is the first book by R.D. Lawrence I've read, and after reading it I've ordered half a dozen of his others. *North Runner* is the honest, touching tale of a man who buys an abused wolf/dog hybrid named Yukon for his dog sled team. The dog is half wild and trusts nobody, and the man is lonely and looking for meaning in his life. Over time the man and dog learn to trust and respect each other and become so close they can feel each other's emotions. They travel the North Woods together, camping, hunting, exploring, and enjoying each other's company. Parts of the book are laugh-aloud funny, and parts will make you cry, and all of it makes you remember every dog you've ever loved. When the book ended I kept thumbing through the last pages, hoping there was more. R.D. Lawrence has a wonderful way with words that transports you right into the story. I could almost feel Yukon's fur and smell the pine trees as I read. If you like books set in the wilderness, and especially books about wolves, you will love this one!

Kazan: Father of Baree (Medallion Editions for Young Readers) – This is a fantastic tale of a dog coming to trust a man, and a man coming to trust his dog. Do not want to give too much away, for me it beats *White Fang* and *Kazan* in its story telling, and I should know I own an independent Husky dog myself. Sorry Mr London and Mr Curwood, your books are great but *North Runner* is better. My only complaint is it is hard to get hold of a good copy at a reasonable price, and why oh why has this book not been republished! If you love Huskies like I do, or fantastic tales about dogs and the wilderness get a copy!

Great book. Reminds me of *The Call of the Wild* and the film, *Never Cry Wolf*. Getting past the first

couple of chapters (not so nice - talking about trapping) it then makes for a great read - thank you

I truly loved the story of The North Runner. At times the details of the land was a bit lengthy but the pull of finding out what happens with the "wolf dog" compelled me to continue through the lengthy details of the landscape. I would recommend it to a friend to read.

This is the one I read first, long ago, that led me to other books by R.D. Lawrence. It's still a favorite, worth rereading every year or two. It's a wonderful mix of autobiography, observations of wildlife, and of a human being warming into love.

I would recommend this book to anyone who enjoys reading, or likes reading outdoors/adventure books. I lived in Alaska for many years and I have a 1st edition of this book in hardcover and wanted to get this one for a gift. It's a very nice looking book. This is truly a good story about man and animal and how they become friends. Great read.

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