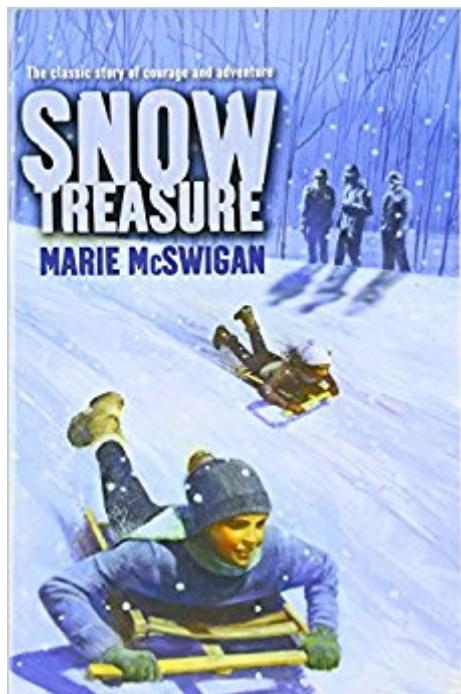


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# Snow Treasure



## **Synopsis**

In the bleak winter of 1940, Nazi troops parachuted into Peter Lundstrom's tiny Norwegian village and held it captive. Nobody thought the Nazis could be defeated—until Uncle Victor told Peter how the children could fool the enemy. It was a dangerous plan. They had to slip past Nazi guards with nine million dollars in gold hidden on their sleds. It meant risking their country's treasure—and their lives. This classic story of how a group of children outwitted the Nazis and sent the treasure to America has captivated generations of readers.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

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Grade 3-6-Snow Treasure by Marie McSwigan (Scholastic, pap. 1986) is an exciting, suspenseful tale of Norwegian children and their contributions to protecting their town's gold during the German occupation in 1940. Convinced that the Germans will try to steal their town's considerable wealth of gold bouillon from the banks, the townsmen decide that it must be removed. Since a group of adults

can't remove the gold without the Germans finding out, the townsmen develop a daring plan involving the children. In teams, the children will carry the bouillon on their sleds down to the river where one of the townsmen will load them onto his ship to take to the United States. Various problems arise as the children begin to carry out this plan, but they are resolved. Narrator John McDonough's use of drama and suspense keeps the story moving along. This audiobook would be an excellent supplement to history lessons on World War II. It lends itself well to group or individual listening. Teacher guidance would be helpful in supplying background history. Sarah Smith, Harrison Community Library, MI Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I first read this some 50 years ago, and was delighted to find it ... still ... in print. By today's standards (Horowitz, Doctorow, and a host of adventure writers), this is too gentle and snoozy. Good plot, but no cliff hanging, as we've come to expect. If you read this as a tween (before there were tweets), you'll enjoy it again, and I suppose dedicated readers who don't require death-defying twists would enjoy it.

When I was about 10 years old, I first read this book and loved it. At one point in my life I was able to get a signed copy by the writer which I brought with me on my various jobs around the country...alas one of my daughters threw it out, so I love being able to reread it again. When I saws that I had known the wrier who lived for a short period of time in New England, that made it that much dearer.

I know I must have read more books in my childhood, but this is the only one I remember, and I remember it fondly. As a child I played and imagined being in heroic situations, and this story allowed me to read about children who had actually carried out heroics while they sledded. I was thrilled to find the book with the same cover on a few years ago to read with my daughter. I wanted to read it again with my son who is now at an age at which he could appreciated and it was lost. Again, I was able to find the same version on . My children enjoyed it, but I wonder if it's simple plot and characters will satisfy kids accustomed to multimedia stimuli.

I loved this book when my elementary school teacher read it to my class one chapter per day after lunch-recess. It is inspiring, exciting, and possibly true (not sure). It made me want to be a hero like the kids in the story who helped sneak their country's gold out of the country when the Nazis took

over. I like this version with the purple border around the front cover and the gold-lettered title because it is the version my teacher read to me and carries great memories. I also think it captures the feel of the story better than other editions, but that's just my opinion. I'm glad I found this hardcover copy of a book I enjoyed as a kid. I hope to share it with my kids someday.

I read this book as a child. I enjoyed it, I re-read it again and again. I always enjoyed the fact that children were able to make a difference. Each time I read it, I felt transported to the time and place and found myself wanting to be one of those children, who were making a difference. I highly recommend it and hope that children will really enjoy it as I did, and still did when I read it now, as an adult.

This is a true story and it is WONDERFUL!! My son, who is 38, read it when he was 9 years old and still remembers it. His 9-year old daughter begged me to order it for her. The story is about children during the war who save the town's gold by hiding it under their sleds and, risking their lives, sledding past German Soldiers on guard. It is exciting and scary and thrilling.

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I had an old copy of Snow Treasure, which was well worn from being read and re-read in my youth. I loved this story growing up and decided to share it with my granddaughter for Christmas. This new copy came arrived before Christmas, which I appreciated, and my granddaughter is excited to read this old favorite of mine!

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