

Guide for Readers' Theater Demo. (Excerpts from script.)

Actor 1 or 2 (in lieu of Director voice or Mom)

Welcome to StretchABookClub! We are going to show us how to turn reading into acting.

Actor1: I'm _____. **Actor2:** and I'm _____. (Optional Actor 3.....Dog.)

Director/Mom: The author created a play from the book, *The Smiling Stone* (Show cover of book) You might like to know that the Smiling Stone travels along the beach smiling at everything and everyone.

Actor1: I'll be Smiling Stone **Actor2:** I'll be Timothy and Big Black Dog.

Actor2.Timothy: Smiling Stone, will you go fishing with me? You can help me catch fish.

(look at Smiling Stone reading)

Actor1.Smiling Stone: I'll go to the fishing dock, Timothy. But you know that smiling is what I do best. (look at Tim reading)

Actor2.Timothy: Then you can be a smiling sinker on my fishing line, Smiling Stone.

Actor1.Smiling Stone: Even the fish smile back at me.

Actor2.Timothy: You're a great smiling sinker, Smiling Stone.

Actor2.Timothy: Let's bike to my favorite climbing tree, Smiling Stone.

Actor1.Smiling Stone: Timothy, you're a good friend to take me along. When you smile down at me from the tree, I'm not sure if your smile matches mine or my smile matches yours.

Actor2.Timothy: Smiling Stone, I do know that I can feel my smile stretch from ear to ear.

Director/Mom: I can feel the smile. Let's try that line again and show

how you turned reading into acting. (repeat)

Actor1.Smiling Stone: Why, Big Black Dog, I was smiling so hard at the roses in Mrs. Bird's garden that I didn't see you coming along behind the gate. (look at dog)

Actor2.Dog: I'm the friendly dog of the garden. Will you come and sit by my doghouse, Smiling Stone? (look at SStone)

Actor1.Smiling Stone: I'd be honored to sit by your doghouse, Mr. Dog.

Actor2.Dog: Your smile is rubbing off on me, Smiling Stone.

Actor1.Smiling Stone: You are MY SMILING friend, Mr. Dog. You even smile in your sleep.

Actor1.Smiling Stone: A smile brightens the world day or night. (looks up at viewing audience.) And YOUR smile casts forever a beam of light.

Director/Mom: What did you like about turning reading into acting?

Actors 'answers...

Actor 1/2: Readers' Theater is fun.

