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Definition: **Stone** from *Collins English Dictionary*

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**1 Oliver.** born 1946, US film director and screenwriter: his films include *Platoon* (1986), *Born on the Fourth of July* (1989), *JFK* (1991), *Nixon* (1995), *Alexander* (2004), and *World Trade Center* (2006)

**2 Sharon.** born 1958, US film actress: her films include *Basic Instinct* (1991), *Casino* (1995), and *Cold Creek Manor* (2003)

### Summary Article: **Stone, Oliver**

From *The Columbia Encyclopedia*

1946–, American filmmaker, screenwriter, and producer, b. New York City, studied filmmaking with Martin Scorsese at New York Univ. (B.F.A., 1971). Stone enlisted (1967) in the army and saw combat in Vietnam, winning a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. He adapted the screenplay for *Midnight Express* (1978; Academy Award) and created other scripts before directing his first Hollywood film, *The Hand* (1981). Stone won critical plaudits for *Salvador* (1986), but it was not until he wrote and directed the grimly realistic Vietnam War drama *Platoon* (1986; Academy Award, best director) that he catapulted to popular success. In his exploration of various uniquely American themes, Stone has become a controversial figure, frequently criticized for mingling fact and fiction in some films (e.g., *JFK*, 1991) and for portraying extreme violence in others (e.g., *Natural Born Killers*, 1994). His many other movies include *Wall Street* (1987) and a sequel, *Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps* (2010), *Born on the Fourth of July* (1989; Academy Award, best director), *The Doors* (1991), *Nixon* (1995), *World Trade Center* (2006), and *W.* (2008, a dramatized portrait of George W. Bush). *South of the Border* (2010) is an extremely positive portrayal of South America's left-wing leaders, in particular Hugo Chávez; the contemporary marijuana wars in California and Mexico are the subject of *Savages* (2012). *Oliver Stone's Untold History of the United States* (2012) is a 10-part documentary that generally excoriates the United States for various events from World War II to Barack Obama. His *The Putin Interviews* (2017) is a four-part documentary profiling the Russian leader.

See his *Platoon* and *Salvador: The Screenplays* (1987) and.

his autobiographical novel *A Child's Night Dream* (written 1966, pub. 1997);.

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