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# Captives Among The Indians: Firsthand Narratives Of Indian Wars, Customs, Tortures, And Habits Of Life In Colonial Times



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## **Synopsis**

Captives among the Indians: Firsthand Narratives of Indian Wars, Customs, Tortures, and Habits of Life in Colonial Times contains the firsthand accounts of famous settlers like Mary Rowlandson, James Smith, and Mercy Harbison. A table of contents is included.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Terrific first hand accounts of the experience of white colonists who were made prisoners by American Indians in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. These prisoners all escaped or were ransomed and so lived to tell of their brutal and harrowing experiences. These accounts are not the romanticized stories of the 19th century, but the gripping tales of people who saw their children killed before their eyes and then witnessed their scalping and worse.

It is hard to imagine the pain and heartbreak these poor people went through, and there were atrocities by both the whites and Indians. But this is the stories of only the whites that were captured during a terrible time in our history.

This is a very interesting book containing the first-hand accounts of three different Indian captives.

The locations are different (Ohio, NY, PA) and the actions and attitudes of the Indians are different from area to area. I was surprised that the Indians were well armed with rifles and were competent marksmen even in the 1600's. If you have fallen prey to the PC lies of "good Indians vs bad whites" be prepared for a dose of reality. Fact is, most Indians were more like ISIS savages than you have ever seen in the movies.

Firsthand accounts of white captives taken in battle and their will to survive. The cruelty of the Indians to their captives is difficult to comprehend, not alone to white people, but to other Indian tribal peoples. The first settlers in our country experienced suffering to a degree that we moderns can hardly understand. The Indians fought by their traditional methods for the land they considered theirs with a violence that eventually destroyed themselves. The overwhelming waves of settlers was impossible to conquer and the Indians lost their land and their freedom.

This is a book of purportedly first hand accounts by early American settlers who were captured and suffered at the hands of hostile Indians. The early American English writing style helps to authenticate the trials, suffering and eventual tribulations of the captives who eventually escaped or were ransomed from their captivity. As an early American history buff I thoroughly enjoyed the stories found in this book.

The brutality of the Indians unbelievable, kill your family in front of th out regardless of age, then sell you back through the great priest Catholic from Canada, you either joined convent, married indian or Frenchmen and if you were lucky you got back to what was.left of your family all was left up to the Catholic priest who even separated u from your children and family

I chose this book because I had been doing some reading about some captives and was moved by the misery and pain and humiliation these women and children lived through. I was seduced by Hollywood stories of Indians and cowboys but I am free of those illusions. Heartbreaking.

Heartbreaking and inspiring at the same time.

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