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THE CAPTURED

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Taken by the Indians!

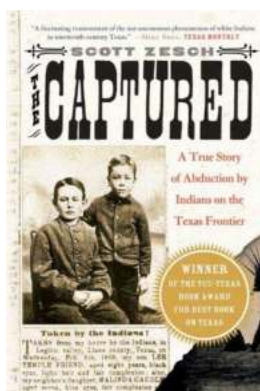
TAKEN from my house by the Indians, in
Legion valley, Llano county, Texas, on
Wednesday, Feb. 5th, 1868, my son LEE
TEMPLE FRIEND, aged eight years, black
eyes, light hair and fair complexion; also
my neighbor's daughter, MALINDA CAUD
aged seven, blue eyes, fair complexion,
light hair. All Indian agents or traders
any person having information relative to
quested to return the above names

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Deep in the heart of Texas, a land known for its vast landscapes and wild stories, lies a long-forgotten tale of horror and survival. This is the true story of abduction by Indians on the Texas frontier, a story that will leave you spellbound and questioning the limits of human endurance.

The Setting: A Pristine Frontier

Imagine a time when the Texan wilderness was untouched, with sprawling prairies and dense forests stretching as far as the eye could see. It was an era when pioneers were carving out their destinies in a world filled with uncertainty and danger.



The Captured: A True Story of Abduction by Indians on the Texas Frontier

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It is within this untamed landscape that our story unfolds, as a group of settlers embarks on a treacherous journey, hoping to build a new life in the promised land of opportunity.

A Fateful Encounter

As the settlers traveled deeper into the unknown, they soon found themselves in a land fraught with peril. They unknowingly ventured into the territory of a Native American tribe: the fearsome Comanches.

With their fierce warrior culture and mastery of the land, the Comanches were a force to be reckoned with. They saw these settlers as invaders, threatening their way of life and their ancestral lands.

One fateful night, as the settlers settled down to rest, their camp was suddenly ambushed by a relentless group of Comanche warriors. Chaos ensued as the settlers fought bravely for their lives, but ultimately, they were no match for the overwhelming force of the Comanches.

Abduction and Despair

Those who survived the initial attack soon found themselves bound and captive, completely at the mercy of their captors. Their once hopeful dreams of a new life shattered, replaced by the grim reality of a life in captivity.

Days turned into weeks, and weeks into months, as these unfortunate settlers endured unimaginable hardships. They were taken deep into Comanche territory, far away from any hope of rescue or escape.

The Comanches sought to break the spirits of their captives, subjecting them to physical and mental torture. Yet, despite their desperate circumstances, the settlers clung to their will to survive, determined not to lose themselves entirely in this hostile world.

A Glimmer of Hope

And then, amidst the darkness, a glimmer of hope appeared. One of the captives, a young woman named Mary, formed an unlikely bond with a Comanche woman of standing within the tribe. Through this connection, Mary discovered a hidden passage to freedom.

With the utmost secrecy, Mary devised a daring escape plan, involving her fellow captives. Their chance for freedom arrived, and they seized it with all their might, embarking on a treacherous journey back to civilization.

Survival Against All Odds

Their journey was arduous, with danger lurking at every corner. The settlers faced hazardous terrains, hostile tribes, and constant uncertainty. Yet, fueled by their unyielding determination and a newfound appreciation for the value of freedom, they overcame all obstacles.

Through sheer perseverance, they eventually reached a settlement where they could finally share their harrowing tale with the world. News of their miraculous escape spread like wildfire, capturing the attention and imagination of the nation.

A Legacy Remembered

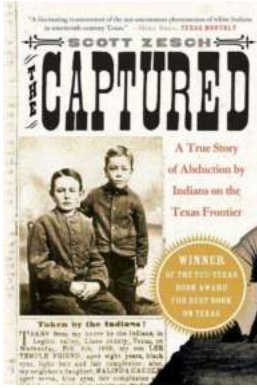
This true story of abduction by Indians on the Texas frontier serves as a reminder of the untold stories buried in the annals of history. It sheds light on the extraordinary resilience of those who faced unimaginable hardships during the early days of American settlement.

While many may forget the sacrifices and the struggles, it is important to remember and honor those who overcame the odds and fought for their freedom. Their story is a testament to the enduring spirit of humanity.

So, as you gaze upon the vast Texan landscape, remember the echoes of the past, the whispers of those who braved the unknown. Their legacy lives on.

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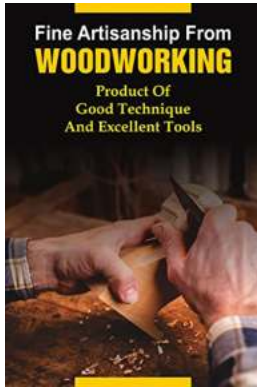
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On New Year's Day in 1870, ten-year-old Adolph Korn was kidnapped by an Apache raiding party. Traded to Comanches, he thrived in the rough, nomadic existence, quickly becoming one of the tribe's fiercest warriors. Forcibly returned to his parents after three years, Korn never adjusted to life in white society. He spent his last years in a cave, all but forgotten by his family.

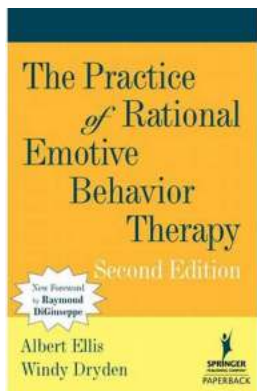
That is, until Scott Zesch stumbled over his own great-great-great uncle's grave. Determined to understand how such a "good boy" could have become Indianized so completely, Zesch travels across the west, digging through archives, speaking with Comanche elders, and tracking eight other child captives from the region with hauntingly similar experiences. With a historians rigor and a novelists eye, Zesch's *The Captured* paints a vivid portrait of life on the Texas frontier, offering a rare account of captivity.

"A carefully written, well-researched contribution to Western history -- and to a promising new genre: the anthropology of the stolen." - Kirkus Reviews



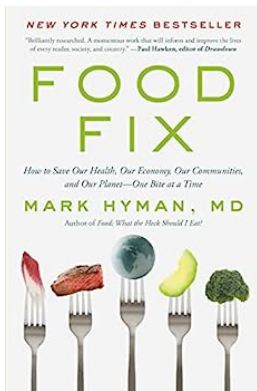
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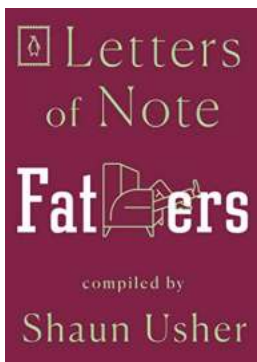
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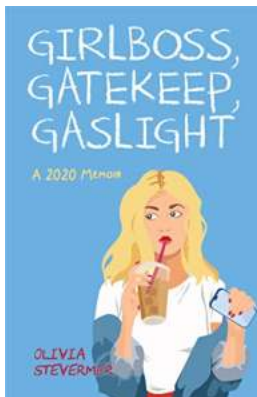
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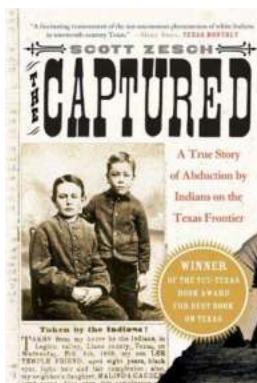
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