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Fan-favorite first published in 1994.

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BONUS: This book contains an excerpt from MORGAN’S WOMAN: THE BOUNTY HUNTER TRACKS AN INNOCENT WOMAN by Judith E. French.

Escape into this unforgettable love story from bestselling author Colleen French about a young English lady and the Native American warrior who captures her...a woman and a man from different worlds who find passion in a divided land...two bold hearts bound by one thrilling destiny...

Raven watches with his younger brother Takooko through the trees near the Susquehanna River as the enemy Mohawk war party heads north in several canoes with their captive, the white girl with the fire hair, paddling hard in the last canoe. The two Lenni-Lenape warriors have been tracking the Mohawk war party for hours to make sure they will not turn back and attack again. Lady Tess Morgan, the captive in the canoe, tries hard to put out of her mind how these savages attacked her carriage, kidnapped her and her cousin Joselyn, and tortured and murdered poor Joselyn. *When we get to the bend in the river I'll make my move.* Watching her from the far bank of the river, Raven chuckles, “I think she will jump, brother.” He cocks the trigger of his most prized possession, an English Brown Bess musket, and takes aim. “It will be fun to teach these dogs a lesson.”

REVIEWS OF CAPTIVE

4.16 average rating all editions, 146 ratings, 10 reviews, added by 474 people, 114 to-reads, 95% of people like it. —Goodreads

4.6 out of 5 stars (26 reviews). —Amazon

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**** 4 stars “Overall, I enjoyed the romance and the exciting story. The setting is very interesting and unusual, while the writing is a cut above the normal Native American/colonial romance.” —Melissa B, Goodreads

“...exciting twist and turns that leave you reading page after page and maybe a little sad when it's over.”-- Amanda

***** 5 Stars “Beautiful” “I love this book so much that i couldn't put it down until I know what happen in the end and I wasn't disappointed. Great.” —Amazon Customer

ABOUT COLLEEN FRENCH

Bestselling author Colleen French has a unique gift for capturing the essence of passion in her breathtaking

tales of romance and adventure. A multiple award-winning and bestselling novelist, she is the daughter of bestselling novelist Judith E. French who first taught her how to write novels. Colleen has written more than 130 print novels which have sold more than 5 million copies and been translated into Bulgarian, French, German, Italian, Mandarin, and Spanish. Her Native American novels are inspired by her English, Scottish, Irish, Welsh, and Lenni-Lenape ancestry and her home near the Chesapeake Bay, where her family has lived for more than 300 years. Her books appeal to fans of Christi Caldwell, Mary Balogh, C. J. Petit, Shirleen Davies, Karen Kay, Madeline Baker, Elle Marlow, Ellen O'Connell, Vonna Harper, Judith E. French, Julie Garwood, Caroline Fyffe, and Hannah Howell.

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Heather says

Ok

Over all ok. Was a lil annoyed with the back and forth with tess and her back n forth feelings for raven. Over all a good read.

Tina says

What a great, wonderful story! I loved this book, hated to reach the end, I wanted it to keep going and going.

Donna Jones says

Loved this book and will read more from this author

Brittany says

This was an amazing book! The characters had depth and feeling and the plot was up and down, but in a good way. I've read this book multiple times over the years. Highly recommend!

sanner faye crook says

5 stars

Wow what a great book this book deserve 10 stars.such a great author love all her books I read so far. Love Tess such a firecracker did not take nothing from no one not even Raven but he was the only one she love.

Cynthia Houser says

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This is another good book by Colleen. I really enjoy her style of writing, it just pulls you into the story from page one. She is very descriptive and find myself imagining being in the forest. Tess goes through a lot during her young life, but she is a survivor. Raven rescues Tess from the Mohawk Indians who kidnapped her and her cousin. Raven takes her home to his village of Lenape, who are honorable people.

kattie says**A LOVE STORY.**

I loved this story. I look forward to reading more of her books. I recommend everyone to read this book. Kattie. 2/1/18.

Jill M says

I enjoyed this book, and the author writes in an easy-to-read fashion. I liked that local areas which I know well are mentioned. It seemed a tad unbelievable to me that two women and a little girl could be travelling with the British Army during the battle with General Braddock. The book seemed to drag in parts, but I would definitely read other books written by this author. It did have a bit of a late 80s bodice-ripper feel, but I didn't mind.

MelissaB says

Tess Morgan and her spoiled cousin Jocelyn were taken captive by the Mohawk Indians near their Annapolis Maryland home in the American colonies in 1758. Jocelyn was tortured and killed when she refused to walk any further in the wilderness, but Tess is a survivor so she obeys her captors and looks for a chance to escape. She sees her chance during a canoe trip across a river. She smacks one of her captors on the head with a paddle and jumps into the river.

Raven, a Lenape Indian, and his brother Takooko are watching from the riverbank when Tess makes her escape attempt. Raven decides to help her because he admires her bravery. Raven and Takooko help her escape into the forest after they convince her they aren't going to harm her. Raven is very gentle with Tess and promises to take her back to Annapolis since it's near his village. During the trip back, they see a group of white men looking for Tess, who calls out to them when she recognizes her fiancee, Myron. The white men shoot at Raven and Takooko, thinking they are her abductors. Takooko is killed in the firefight, so Raven abducts Tess in retaliation. He blames her for his brother's death so he decides she belongs to him now.

Raven takes Tess against her will to his Lenape village. He is no longer the gentle man she first met, he is angry and grieving. Once in the village, Raven's mother takes her in because she doesn't blame Tess at all, neither does the other Lenape who treat Tess with kindness. Raven refuses to listen to his mother, insisting that Tess will stay with him despite Tess's pleas to go home. Tess is a strong, intelligent woman who finds a way to escape the village after a few days. She needs to get back home so she can marry Myron, a man she doesn't really care for but sees as an able provider, and send for her deaf younger sister as she promised when she left England for her uncle's home in the colonies. Tess is also scared of her growing acceptance of the Lenape and her feelings for Raven, so she sees escape as the only option. Raven catches up to her and brings her back to his village, where he gets her to promise to be his wife for a year and he will free her afterwards.

Raven fights his feelings for Tess because she is a white woman and he wants to be war chief of his people,

but he does everything he can to keep her with him because he can't imagine letting her go. Tess also tries to deny her feelings because she cannot imagine living in an Indian village and she knows she needs to leave so she can send for her sister. Outside forces intruded on the couple as well, with the French trying to get the Lenape to fight for them and the English getting closer to the tribal village all the time. Raven and Tess go through a lot of trials together which draws them closer and shows them how much they love each other.

I really enjoyed this book, it was full of adventure and action. The writing was very good and full of historical details. The characters were very well drawn and had depth. The romance was believable, Raven and Tess battle with emotions and difficulties that seem very believable for their situation but they are able to find common ground in their love and respect for each other. I like the fact that part of the story centered on Braddock's march to Fort Dusquesne, which is interesting to me because I live in Pittsburgh right where it happened, though the author said the year was 1758 when the march actually happened in 1755.

Overall, I enjoyed the romance and the exciting story. The setting is very interesting and unusual, while the writing is a cut above the normal Native American/colonial romance.
