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

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In the book, ‘The Captured: A True Story of Abduction on the Texas Frontier’, the author touches various important subjects that serve as an interesting perspective into American settler history. (Zesch) The theme of this book circulates around providing realistic accounts of the abduction of people from white settler colonies by native Indians. It merges these accounts with the family history of the author hence making the concept uniquely interesting.

The thesis of the book lies in bold, unmasked truth about the abductions of white settlers by the Natives. It needs to be considered that the book tackles this issue by outlining cruelties as they were done both by the settlers and by the Natives. Some abductees like the author’s ancestor bode better in the Native lifestyle. Others faced unspeakable horrors. As this book narrates both, it carries a neutrality that is impressive. The content in the book and its organization also keeps the reader hooked by narrating his ancestor’s story and then bringing in other abductees who were more outspoken about their experiences while being abducted. The book gives its readers closure by telling that the author’s ancestor finally got a headstone one century after he died.

The author has provided a list of the primary sources that were used in the writing of the book. Accounts written by historians, newspaper articles and journal articles have all found a place in Zesch’s Bibliography. Scott Zesch himself is a journalist who has also served in Peace Corps and penned other works that provide unflinching and solid accounts of Western history. A formal award for the best journal article on Western history establishes his command over the subject. This book, therefore, becomes a remarkable resource for students or learners of history yearning for realistic accounts.

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