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Captured!



Synopsis

Captured!, first published in 1930, is the dramatic World War I account of Ferdinand Huszti Horvath (1891-1973), who served in the Austro-Hungarian army on the eastern front in the bitter fighting against the Russians. Horvath paints a realistic picture of combat and the miserable conditions in the frontlines. Later, Horvath is captured by Russian troops and imprisoned for 2-1/2 years. After escaping from the prison camp and a hazardous journey across Russia (then in the throes of the turbulent Communist revolution), he made his way to freedom in Sweden. The book ends at that point in Horvath's life, but he would go on to emigrate to America, working as an animator for Disney and other Hollywood studios.

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Customer Reviews

I thought this book was going to be mainly about his escape from Russian captivity. Nay not so, and I state that happily. It was primarily about his experiences as a captive of the Russians in WWI. This was the first thing I have encountered on this subject. I found it highly interesting. As a student of

the Russian Revolution, I was especially drawn to the author's experiences at that time. He was a POW in Russia during the whole upheaval, and offered a new perspective. I am a little skeptical about his big love affair, however. Found it a little hard to believe. However, truth is stranger than fiction, and it was not my main focus anyway.

Interesting read... The rest of the author's life is also pretty colorful... After he mustered out, he ended up moving to the US and worked as one of Disney's major animators, involved in major Disney successes, such as Snow White...

This is something you NEVER heard about. Gripping WWI stories are a bit harder to find, much less Eastern Front, much less a POW who was in captivity to witness the insanity of the Soviet revolution first-hand, and then escape from it!

A terrific look from a first person account of war and revolution. Excellent descriptive writing. It seems the human spirit has no limit for some, for other, they exit by the luck of the draw.

Well-done. Worth the time.

Tragedy of war -every war - spelled out eloquently in a soldier's tormented words. Elegance, despair, honor, bravery, struggle, bravery twisted through a chronology of the Great War, the war to end all wars.

First hand account of battle and then prisoner and escape during WWI. Sometimes slow reading. True or fiction I don't know.

while it might seem to have been an actual account, it appeared a little hard to believe at some points?? Ending was not very eventful?

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