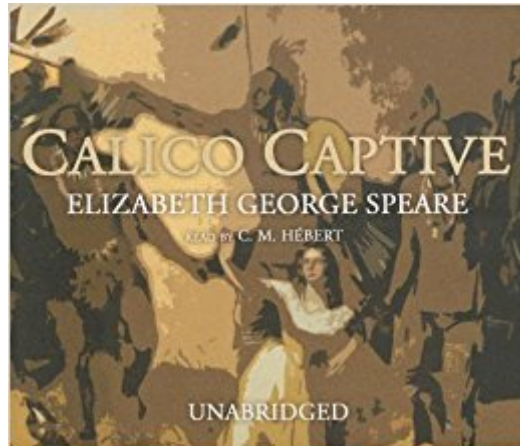




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# Calico Captive



## Synopsis

Early one morning in the year 1754, the stillness of Charlestown, New Hampshire, is shattered by shrill war whoops and the terror of an Indian raid. Young Miriam Willard, on a day that had promised new happiness, finds herself instead a captive on a forest trail, caught up in the ebb and flow of the French and Indian War. She endures a harrowing march north, with limited food and icy streams to cross. The trail ends with a waiting Indian gauntlet and a life of hard work--perhaps even a life of slavery. As her mind turns to thoughts of her sweetheart, Phineas Whitney, she is also mindful of the cries of her sister's baby, Captive, who was born on the trail. Miriam and her companions finally reach Montreal, a city of shifting loyalties filled with the intrigue of war. Here, by a sudden twist of fortune, Miriam meets the prominent Du Quesne family, who introduce her to a life of fashion and luxury she has never imagined and who compel her to make the most important decision of her life. Based on the actual narrative diary published in 1907, *Calico Captive* skillfully reenacts an absorbing facet of history.

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I read this book as an elementary school student decades ago & have never forgotten it. An interesting story; still enjoyable after all these yrs.

I really love Elizabeth George Speare. Her writing is captivating and her historical research thorough. Great book!

I really liked the book, you never knew what was going to happen next. The book takes such a huge turn that it works. I the beginning I got a little bored with it but then it got good. If you decide to read this book be ready to be able to push through the first few chapters, and then love the rest. I don't know where Elizabeth Speare's head was when she started this book I think she wanted to write a Indian war book, but it turned into so much more.

Elizabeth George Speare is the best at writing historical novels for the older elementary and young teen reader. She does her research and creates terrific, full-bodied characters

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Really enjoy reading about very early American history. Amazing look at what it would be like to be an Indian and a French prisoner. This is a great author.

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