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Red Dawn meets LOST in this New Adult action-adventure romance.

Prentiss Puckett is certain of three things:

- Graduation is two weeks away.
- Summer only gets hotter in south Mississippi.
- She's getting a job with air-conditioning.

She did not expect to be kidnapped walking to work.
And she never expected to become a hero.

Captive Details

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Maria Dimitrova says

Surprisingly interesting if not precisely what I expected. I like the story and my only real problem with the book was that I find the MC's name strange. I'll be definitely picking up the rest of the series because it did a wonderful job of catching my attention.

Julie says

Small town life....it's something Prentiss Pucket knows very well. With graduation upon her, Prentiss is planning to spend the rest of her life with Jackson. The plan is to take over Jackson's parents farm. A plan that Prentiss has dreamed of for many years. Then the unexpected happens and changes her life in a drastic way.

What would you do if you woke up to discover you had been kidnapped? To make things worse, you are taken to a camp to work for your abductors. When Prentiss discovers that her brother and other people in town are also in the camp, she begins to worry about Jackson. Despite looking and worrying for Jackson, Prentiss has not found him anywhere. Did they capture him? Is he still at the farm? Where has everyone been taken? What does it all mean??

Captive is a new serial by Leigh Talbert Moore. It is completely unlike anything she has written. The subject matter pulls you into the pages. The circumstances of Prentiss' abduction remain a mystery. Flashbacks reveal the life that Prentiss once led. Pulling you into her life and the future she know leads. What an interesting beginning to a serial unlike any others I have read. Nowoff to the next installment.

Kelly Mccurdy says

~~I received this in exchange for an honest review~~

WOW, where do I begin.... Leigh has done it again. This time she has written something that I can't even imagine what is going to happen. I am completely enthralled with this book. Prentiss (love this name) and Jackson have been together since forever. They know they are going to get married and they will get the farm that Jackson's dad has promised him. On her way to her internship with the Vet, something happens. She gets taken. She doesn't know by whom, and she doesn't know why. Is this the apocolypse? Is this WWIII and the Russians have teamed up with North Korea and China and invaded the United States Eastern seaboard?

Dear lord there are so many questions that I have, and I am dying to know what is going on. The mystery that Leigh has written in this book as left me itching for more. I can't even think about what is going to happen next. All I know is they are working on a farm and the people that are holding them there are scary. They have guns and they mean business. You NEED to read this book, and then the next several that are after this! I loved Leigh's work in the past but this just blew her other works out of the water!! I can't wait to read what she writes next!!

Sadie Harper says

I was hooked from the first sentence. Her descriptions paint the scenes and characters beautifully - Prentiss leapt to life before me, and I loved her instantly. Spunky, young, full of life, sure of her future: like we all are as seniors in high school.

The story took me along, and I did not struggle to keep up. I loved the abruptness of her life changing when she was abducted. It surprised me, even though I knew it was coming. The little glimmers about her captors entice in a beautifully frustrating sort of way - the way that makes you discover what's happening along with her.

The pages turned themselves, and my only complaint was when I came abruptly to the end. I can't even call this a cliff-hanger: it didn't stop at the end of the story; it literally stopped in the middle of a scene. This was it? I was almost angry - I'd been so taken in by the story, so wrapped up in discovering with Prentiss what happened, who these people were, where they'd come from, what was going on in the world - and then felt like the car in which I was driving slammed into a brick wall. My advice: don't read this until you can read all of them in sequence, so as to not experience this unpleasant and unfinished "ending".

I hadn't realized this was a teaser, and I wish she'd have finished this installment of the story, brought it to a true cliff-hanger where the scene ended and left me wondering what happened next in sequence. I wasn't wondering what happened *next*; I was wondering "how does this scene end?" It obviously hadn't ended in Prentiss's world, and it jarred me back to reality. Even a cliff-hanger ending has some semblance of closure, the finishing of one story, with an opening for one part of the story to continue.

Wonderful writer; excellent story. I loved that I really did not know where the story would go next. Beyond the fact that we know she'll try to escape, that she'll rise to be more than she ever knew she could be. Prentiss inspired me, reminded me of my capability, my innate fight to live and live free. I love her spunkiness and ingenuity, love that she's going to grow as a person through her journey.

This is the first I've read by her, and I'm excited to read more. Preordered the rest of the series; can't wait until it automatically downloads on Dec 31. Still upset at the way this one ended.

Coyora Dokusho says

'Kay this was awesome. Lightning fast read that leaves you hungry for more! I think this is a serial book, but seriously, really, really good!!!

Alina Syed says

I received an eBook copy of this novella in exchange for an honest review.

'Captive' is the first episode of the novel 'Behind the Stars'. It's about a farm girl, Prentiss Pucket. After her graduation in two weeks, she and her boyfriend, Jackson, are going to get married and live a happy life on

Jackson's father's farm. But suddenly, Prentiss is kidnapped. She wakes up in a sort of a camp with some people she recognises, inter alia, her brother. Jackson is nowhere to be seen. The people in the camp have to fulfil tasks in groups. Prentiss wants to escape badly.

I give this novella 4 stars. This book is very unique, so different from other books. I was confused throughout the whole book. The flashbacks about her life before the kidnapping are interesting. They show us how normal her life used to be. The book is very mysterious, I really want to know what happens next in Learning to Spy. It's a great concept.

Jessica Bronder says

Prentiss Puckett is a small farm girl from Dabb Creek, Mississippi. She has everything planned. As soon as she gets out of school, her and Jackson, her boyfriend are going to get his father's farm, get married, and create a life for themselves. But on the way to the last meeting with Dr. Green, the local veterinarian she is kidnapped.

She wakes up at an odd complex and sees others from Dabb Creek. A couple are friends and others are associates from school. Jackson is not there, there are no adults, but Prentiss recognizes her brother.

The kids are going to be a type of slave labor. They are fed steaks and eggs for breakfast and then split up to farm, take care of the cows, or other tasks like burying coffin like boxes. Everyone seems to be drugged or they have given up hope. But Prentiss can't just give up. She knows she has to get out. As long as she can get to Jackson everything will be ok.

I like Prentiss and her spunk. She is not going to let being trapped stop her from trying to escape. Although all she can think of is having Jackson save her and everyone, when you find out about her past you can understand why she does that. I can't wait to see what happens in Learning to Spy.

I received this novella for free in exchange for an honest review.

Sarah says

Poor Prentiss! I have to say that her brother sounds a bit crazy, and her boyfriend is not as nice to her as he could be.

Lauren Jones says

This book is summarized as Episode 1 because it begins with a story about a girl who gets captured by some type of organization and then ends on chapter five leaving you with a lot of questions. What kind of organization is this? If we rebel, what are they capable of? Prentiss is forced to believe that it is the military invading her town and kidnapping everyone, but then there are speculations about non-human activity.

Overall, I will say that Leigh Talbert Moore did an outstanding job with this first book of the series. She allows the story to be simple and not too complicating but at the same time, it slowly builds up complexity. I recommend this book to all of my club members. It is a little more feminine in my opinion so guys, you may not want to read unless you are interested in broadening your horizons and taking the leap. I say this only because the book is from Prentiss's point of view. You are constantly reading about her thoughts and her actions as opposed to another person's standpoint.

This author does a spectacular job of incorporating a southern girl with big dreams living in a small town in Mississippi. She has CAPTURED my attention and I can't wait to read the second episode called Learning to Spy.

Kirsty Bicknell says

Leigh Talbert Moore's Behind the Stars series is described as "Red Dawn meets Lost" and despite the short length of Captive the author manages to intrigue, excites and absorb her reader.

Captive begins with a sense of hope; Prentiss is in love and on her way to her last day working as a veterinary assistant. We certainly do not expect her to be kidnapped, drugged and awoken in a labour camp. Prentiss recognises many of her fellow prisoners from her hometown of Dabb Creek, including her brother Braxton, but this does not comfort her. She is unsure where they are and why.

Prentiss' story alternates between flashbacks, which upset her but keep her fighting and her recount of daily life working on the farm.

Leigh Talbert Moore ensures that Prentiss' fear becomes tangible to the reader and we understand her confusion at the behaviour of her friends and the conversations amongst her captors.

As Captive ends we see more of Prentiss' bravery, even as she discovers that long boxes, shaped like coffins, are being buried on the grounds of the camp.

As I finish this review, Learning to Spy is open on my Kindle.

K3 says

Prentiss Puckett is the main character. Growing up in a small town in south Mississippi, raised by her father who happens to be a drunk and brother who looks to God for guidance.

She isn't your typical young woman. She doesn't fuss over her looks, her clothes or boys. The only man she cares about is her fiancé Jackson. She knows she isn't leaving her small town and she is good with that. She makes the best of what she has and plans to become a veterinarian.

Her life is changed while she walks to work one day. She is kidnapped and finds herself and others from town being held at a camp of sorts. Her captives keep them cleaned, clothed and fed but she is determined to escape and find her fiancé. Setting a plan in motion to befriend the captives she is forced to teach and work with, she never expected the feelings she starts to have for him. When secrets are revealed and the people she thought she knew show their true colors, she never expected to take on the role of becoming a Hero.

This book reminded me of Roswell with a little bit of Red Dawn. It different from anything I have ever read. Nothing is what it appears to be and then you have the Star-crossed lovers. Leigh did a great job of having angst, fear, happiness, triumph and of course romance. The chemistry between the characters is wonderful. There is a bit of a love triangle but it isn't out of control.

There are six books in this series and I can't wait to see what happens! If you love a little bit of Science

fiction mixed with survival and romance, then look no further.

Jenny says

Captive is the first installment of a serial, Behind the Stars. I didn't know too much about it going in, which was probably a good thing, because that's really helped the suspense!

In this first part, Captive, Prentiss is a fairly ordinary hick type girl. She has a boyfriend, Jackson, knows all about farming (Jackson's supposed to inherit his Dad's farm eventually, so all their plans include that) and also works part time with the town vet. Its these skills that become very important later on.

On a normal routine day, Prentiss is kidnapped and wakes up to a "farming concentration camp" is the best way to describe it. Its full of kids from her town, including her brother and some other friends, but Jackson is not there. No one knows what's going on, but they are assigned work shifts in the dairy barn, potato fields, and corn fields. They also appear to have been drugged as most kids seem almost zombie like.

Prentiss is not one of these kids. She spends most of this installment trying to figure out how to bust out of the camp. But what she learns just creates more questions...

So far I'm liking this story. The mystery element really has me hooked, and I really like Prentiss as a character. We also get flashbacks of her and Jackson, whom I like as well. I have a few theories as to what's going to happen next, but nothing concrete. I can't wait to find out!

Blondies Little Book Life says

This review may contain spoilers

I was given an ARC for an honest review

"You're my only cheerleader." He looped his arm around my neck and pulled my head to his lips, pressing them against my temple. The warmth of his kiss eased the fist in my chest, and I inhaled his smell of cut grass mixed with sweat.

This book is the first I have read by this author and I have to say that this book literally blew me away. It is so different from anything I have ever read. I love the fact that from page one I was confused as to what was going on, but for the first time I loved that about a book. If that makes since. It kept me intrigued and excited to see what was going to happen next.

The character Prentiss may be a simple country girl, but she is compassionate, smart with a good head on her shoulders, and just wants the people she loves and cares for to be safe and out of danger. She takes it upon herself to find her way out of a situation that is a far cry from easy. I loved how even though Jackson isn't in the picture, we still get to meet him through dreams and flashbacks that has me swooning big time for him. But I feel things are not as they seem. A relationship that perfect can't last, or can it?!

Thank Leigh Talbert Moore for this opportunity to read your book. I loved every minute of it. Can't wait to see what happens next.

Melanie says

Prentiss works for a veterinarian and has a boyfriend named Jackson. On her last day of work, she is kidnapped. The story then alternates between what is currently happening to her and flashbacks of her past where we get to know her a little better.

There are other kids that have been kidnapped, too. She knows some of them, like D'Lo, Jackson's best friend, and she goes to him to get answers, specifically about where Jackson is, but he's different and acts like he doesn't know her. The other kids are acting strange, too. I like how Prentiss has a plan and isn't willing to give up yet.

There are lots of questions to be answered and we get a few answers but then more questions. The most burning question, though, is who are the people who kidnapped them and what do they want? I think this is an intriguing beginning and am looking forward to reading more installments!

I received a copy of this book to review. My opinion is 100% my own.

Benish K (Beenazai) says

Well.. Captive is a phenomenal start to a great series. The cover seems catchy enough, and the premise was why I was interested in this book. At first, I was expecting Shocklym Syndrome, but the story completely blew me away. It has its itty bit of SS, but it's not as extreme as it should sound. It sounded more of a love story that is actually romantic and different. This is quite unique from a lot of Young Adult novels I have read.

The protagonist Prentiss is from the south, Mississippi to be exact - she might seem like a typical country girl but she has big dreams. She wants to have a good future for herself and her family. She is intelligent, caring, and kind. I liked her personality, she had spunk and spark. I like courageous heroines, more than the ones who require a hero to the rescue. One day, Prentiss gets kidnapped. She is told to believe that the military has invaded her town, and has kidnapped everyone. Of course, that is not the truth though.

This book is Prentiss' journey, and as the reader we travel along with her. She has flashbacks, so the story does switch from past to the present. Her abduction is a mystery, even the reader isn't aware what actually happened and why. Prentiss decides to escape, but no one is willing to help her out. I'm glad this wasn't a predictable novel, although when I did get the hint - I figured out the truth.

I did like - no I loved the paranormal aspect of the novel. I was easily hooked on reading the novel from the first chapter, the author has written it such a precise and a light way. I did like the gradual build up between the two main characters as well - their chemistry was amazing! Captive does have a love triangle, but it's different which is why I liked it.

Captive is a fascinating read, I enjoyed reading it beginning to the end. The story is simple, and not as complex. It has a great concept, and I look forward to reading more of the author's books. This is part of a series with 6 books. Captive does end on a cliffhanger which depresses me, however, I cannot wait to read the next installment of the series! It is easily one of my new favorite novels, I would have liked a longer book though - however, this is only just the teaser to the series. I would rate it 4 stars.

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