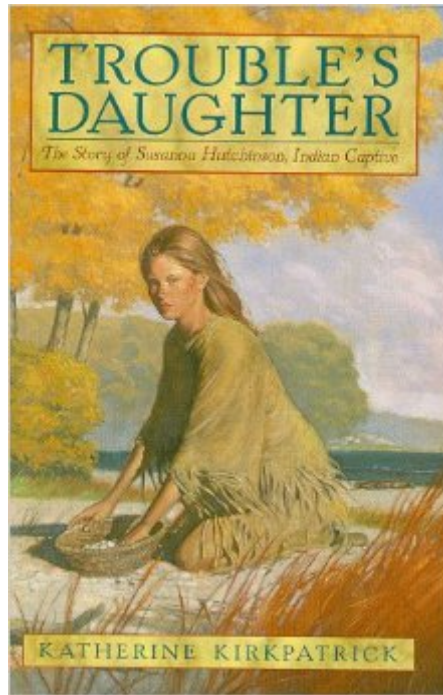


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# Trouble's Daughter



## Synopsis

Susanna Hutchinson is the youngest child of Anne Hutchinson, who was exiled from her Boston community for her radical stand on religious freedom. The family eventually settled on Long Island Sound (today's Co-op City). In 1633, Susanna is 9 years old when Lenape Indians massacre her family and take her captive. Despite the massacre, the Lenape treat her well, and she grows to love them, particularly the wise woman of the tribe who reminds Susanna of her mother Anne. Susanna discovers her own visionary powers and uses them to help her adopted people, until, at 14, she is devastated to learn she has been ransomed by a brother and must return to colonial society.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Trouble's Daughter is the best book I've read about an Indian captive! It tells the story of Susannah Hutchinson, a girl who lives with her family in 1600's America. One day Indians raid her farm and massacre her family. However, for some reason Susannah is spared and she is taken to live with the Indian tribe. At first she is angry and upset, and she tries to run away, but after a while she begins to open up to the tribe and she learns their language and ways. Will she stay with the Indians forever, or will she return to civilization? This book was written well, and it was very interesting! I'd recommend for ages 11 and up. If you like books on captives and American Indians, I'd also recommend: Standing in the Light; I am Regina; Sweetgrass; and Dawn Rider.

This book follows a familiar plotline: an Indian attack on an isolated frontier cabin, family members brutally slain, a child spared by the attackers, the numbing march into captivity, the hostility and strangeness of the Indian village, the despair of the captive, the dreams of escape or ransom, the kindness of a few individual Indians which eases the captive's loneliness and pain, the gradual acceptance of the new life and family, becoming a full-fledged member of the tribe in spirit as well as body, and the eventual return to the whites which is met with reluctance or refusal. This story has been told before, and very well too, by Lois Lenski in "Indian Captive" and Sally Keehn in "I am Regina." Yet "Trouble's Daughter" is as good as any other Indian captive story. No, the story is not unique; but how the characters are developed within that story is very well-done. The book is very well-written, and is a fast-paced read which makes for a real page turner. The reader will have a tough time putting this one down. Excellent historical fiction.

This book is labeled as "fiction", but the entire storyline actually happened. Susannah Hutchinson, one of my ancestors, WAS kidnapped by the Indians after her mother and brothers and sisters were massacred. The author simply changed a few names here and there; the fiction is derived mostly from what the author imagines Susannah's four years with the Indians might have been like. The actual Indian tribe that took her was the Siwanoy and it is true that when they agreed to return her, she wanted to remain with the tribe. In fact, she had trouble remembering the English language. I have no problem with this book, but I believe children should look up the REAL story and discover a piece of our country's actual history. I loved the comments on how this plotline is not very original. Perhaps someone should have told that to the Indians back in 1643 and they would have spared the whole family.

TROUBLE'S DAUGHTER is one of the most satisfying and wise pieces of historical fiction around. In terms of promoting a compassionate understanding of Native American people and their customs and views for non-Native Americans, this book is tops. In addition to providing an accurate as possible historical setting, the book provides sustenance for its young readers - and our children do need this nourishment. Whether Som-Quay is offering words of wisdom on love or peace, or whether the young heroine is agonizing or growing, this book takes kids gently by the heart and helps them to develop the ability to look at the world with a more open-minded attitude. The study of history is changing from the memorizing of names and dates to the understanding of people and culture and forces; Katherine Kirkpatrick is an accomplished author, researcher, and historian, and

her book ought to be a part of every middle school curriculum regarding America's colonial days.

I am a native R.I.er, that has lived in and around Narragansett, and Kingstown. (Kings Town). Found this book very interesting, although, thought the middle of it dragged a little. Loved that the Indian names, were there ,for the correct pronunciation, and the descendents are listed. A couple of them are also familiar.

This was one of the better "Indian" books. It was not the trite raid, kill white men, raid, kill white men but a rounded look of her experience and a good look at Indian life in the Northeast.

I love historical stories--particularly those fictional romance about Indians and captives. This TRUE story is the best! Yes, it has artistic license because we don't know all the particulars, but it's a must read for knowledge of the times and pure entertainment.

My ancestor was Susanna Hutchinson's older sister, Faith. Although some liberties were taken on Susanna's captivity, the writing was historically correct, and I had a hard time putting the book down, to fix dinner for my family. This was a great book, with great writing by Katherine Kirkpatrick! Really sad to read how my 10th greatgrandmother, Anne Marbury, and her younger children, were murdered by the Indians. So many of our country's early immigrants met the same fate. You will not be disappointed, if you purchase this book!

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