



Chapter 2 : Online Library: Corn Farm Boy \*Â»â´ [Lois Lenski] âœ¶ Free Reading Online

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The novel, *Indian Captive*, begins when Mary Jemison is taken prisoner by attacking warriors from the Seneca tribe of the Iroquois Indians. She is forced to live with the Seneca people. Mary Jemison, called by her nickname Molly, is a young girl of 12 in this novel. Just before it is time to plant corn for the year, the Jemison family and some close neighbors are attacked by Indians. Although John and Tom escape, the neighbors and the rest of her family are taken captive by the Seneca warriors. Because there are too many people to keep as prisoners and to easily run from the attempted rescue by the pioneer community, only Molly and the neighbor boy, Davy Wheelock, are actually taken captive. Unbeknownst to her until later in her life, the remainder of her family is killed, and their home is burned down. The story describes first the scary and difficult journey Molly takes with her captors. Due to treacherous weather and physical demands of fast travel, Molly may not have survived without the help of an old Indian named Shagbark who kept her safe and sometimes carried her on the trip. Her first major stop on this journey is at Fort Duquesne where the French and natives are set up to fight the English for the land and where the captives are to be traded in a bargain. The two male captives, Davy and Nicholas, are given to the Frenchmen, while Molly is taken by two Indian women who led her to a canoe. They give her fresh clothes and take her to their home, Seneca Town. There, she is adopted into the tribe as a replacement for the dead son of one of the families. She has a hard time adjusting to their way of life. Their food is bland and without salt. She does not understand their language, and they do not speak English. As a matter of fact, the grumpy sister, Squirrel Woman, gets angry every time Molly speaks English at all. She is shown chores to do, but refuses to work as they wish. A young Indian boy, Little Turtle, takes pity on Molly and tries to watch out for her and show her the ropes. He tries to teach her their language. Between Little Turtle and just listening to orders with hand motions, Molly eventually learns to speak their language. As he tried to comfort her physical difficulties on the journey, he tries to put her at ease and help her settle into her new community. Little Turtle also continues to be her friend and tries to cheer her up all the time. She carries him in a traditional way on her back. When she is at a place where she needs to work, she hangs him from a tree limb to swing and sway in the breeze. Several times when she messes up the work, Squirrel Woman gets angry and punishes her, and Molly runs off to cry. Raising corn is probably one of the most important tasks in the tribe. When Molly is chastised, spills the corn seed, and runs away for the afternoon, she is sent to bed with no supper. Eventually, she learns that to eat in this family, one must work for it. When Molly makes a return trip with her sisters to Fort Duquesne to trade goods and to see Good Hunter and Gray Wolf, their visiting brothers, off to their home in Genesee Town by the Great Falling Waters, Molly sneaks away from where she is told to stand, so she can see if peaches are blooming on the tree. She is spotted by English speaking white people who take her into their building, begin to ask her questions, and feel sorry for her. When her sisters see this, they snatch her away from these people with Blue Jay still strapped to her back. Of course, Squirrel Woman is furious. The sisters know that the white people will try to take Molly away, so they all follow their brothers to their home where, eventually, all of the tribe ends up. This trip is very hard on Molly who arrives in the town deathly ill. She is taken care of by Earth Woman who is known among the Seneca Indians for her skills in dealing with all forms of sickness. Slowly, she is nursed back to health. Earth Woman is good for Molly in many ways. She lives alone and has a lot of time to devote to Molly. She teaches her wise saying and much about the traditions of their culture. Molly is here when another white-faced person is brought to the town, a young man named Josiah Johnson. He is given to Earth Woman to replace her dead son. Earth Woman and Molly are both happy with him, until he uses his canoe to escape, never to be seen again. Throughout her stay in Genesee Town, Molly is treated well. She also becomes very friendly with all of the children in the town. Little Turtle earns his new manly name of Turkey Feather after proving himself to be a capable hunter. He remains a loyal and true friend to Molly. Twice she sees Old Fallenash, the white trader

who used to trade with her father. When Englishmen in red coats come first to ask the chief of Genesee Town, Chief Burning Sky, for help fighting the French, Captain Morgan meets Molly and believes she should be with white people. The chief leaves the decision to Molly. Although Molly has longed to go home and then longed merely to be with white families, she has come to love her new family, her new way of life, and all that she has learned. Her decision is to stay with the Seneca people. This section contains 1, words approx.

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*Background material (including photographs, notes and rough sketches) for A Knife for Tomaso, The Turquoise Necklace, Ghost Town Boy.*

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*Lois Lenski (Mrs. Arthur S. Covey), artist and author, was born in Springfield, Ohio, October 14, She graduated from Ohio State University, College of Education in and studied art at the Art Students' League in New York City and later at Westminster School of Art in London, England.*

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*In addition to illustrating the first four Betsy-Tacy books, Lois Lenski () was the Newbery Medal winning author of Strawberry Girl.*