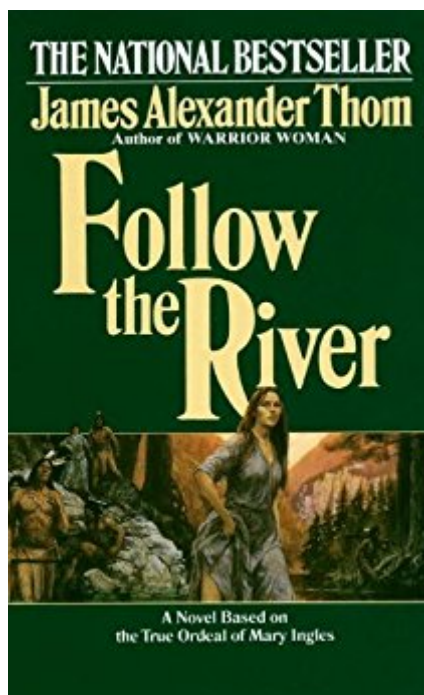


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# Follow The River



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

I could hardly put this down! It was one heart pounding moment after another. It is just incredible & amazing what this poor woman (& her crazy companion) endured & survived, & her, all for the love of her husband. That is so deeply moving. I am in awe of what they did & can't even comprehend how they did. Their suffering was unimaginable. I know I would have given up & died after about a week, if that. Someone said they thought it was too repetitive but that was what she went thru day in & day out for at least 6 weeks. There's hardly any words to adequately describe this but it is something that has had a profound effect on me & will certainly stay with me. I am very glad to have read it. I am full of admiration for Mary Draper Ingles & even the Dutch woman who traveled with

her. I wouldn't have been as tolerant & forgiving as Mary was, either. She was truly a remarkable woman & I am so glad her story has been told in such a fascinating way.

One of the best historical fictions I have ever read! It is based on the Indian Massacre of an early settlement in America, and during the French and Indian War in America. The main character, Mary Ingles, was twenty-three, married, and pregnant, when Shawnee Indians invaded her peaceful Virginia settlement, killed men, women, and children, then took her, along with her two sons and sister-in-law, captive. For months, she lived with them, unbroken, until she escaped, and followed a thousand mile trail to freedom--an extraordinary story of a pioneer woman who risked her life to return to her people. It was a raw tale, and hard to read in some parts, but I am very glad I finished it. Sad to see how many lives were lost in order for this country to be formed, especially with all of the hostility going on in the world today. This should be a "must read" for all who live in the United States.

This book, tells the story of Mary Ingles, who was kidnapped, along with her children, in a Shawnee Indian raid on her village in Virginia in the late 1700's. She was taken to an area of Kentucky and along with a Dutch woman named Ghetel (Gretel), escaped the Indian encampment (leaving her newly born daughter) and followed the river, along the Ohio and many other rivers and creeks, through the Allegheny mountains back to her home in Virginia. That is amazing in itself, but Mary and Ghetel made the 1000 mile trek on foot with only a tomahawk and the clothes on their backs. Even though the leaving of her baby may leave the reader with feelings of anger toward her, if Mary had taken her baby she surely would not have survived the journey. She was, at least, fed and cared for by the Otter Girl. The book begins quietly enough, but once the raid begins, the tale is brutally graphic with the description of the raid in Drapers Meadow. From the Ingles side of the tale, the Indians were heathen savages, but with the Indian side of the tale told, these raids and kidnappings were part of a retaliation toward the white settlers for similar attacks on their people. This true story of Mary Ingles' capture and escape, a feat very few people could accomplish, is gripping, moving and a highly recommended read.

This is one of the best books I have ever read. Period. The fact that it is based on a true story makes it even more incredible. I think what the Indianapolis News said of this author sums it up perfectly, "It takes a rare individual not only to see that history can live, but also to make it live for others. James Thom has that gift." This author really brought this incredible, historical event to life

for me. Reading this book changed me. What more can you ask for when you pick up a book? It is in my top 5 favorite books of all time and is always among the first that I recommend people read when they ask for recommendations. Do yourself a favor and give this book a permanent home on your bookshelf.

I had originally read this story when someone gave me some of their old books. I picked it up because I was heading to a place where I was going to have some time to kill and figured it might pass the time. I couldn't put it down! The story is true, though of course there is added dialogue and other details, and the main character--a real person--is very admirable. I ordered this book as a gift because I enjoyed the story so much.

I am a reader and this is my favorite book of all time. It's unsuspecting, but packs the biggest punch ever. The writing is superb and the story is inspiring, to say the least.

Powerful story of kidnapping murder and escape of a remarkable young pioneer woman and her terrifyingly hungry fellow escapee! And although this is historical fiction it was based on a true story. Loved all of the details of American Indian and American Pioneer life and culture in the 1770s. This is the second book that I have thoroughly enjoyed by this author and highly recommend this author to other readers that enjoy great story telling and wonderful writing!

Interesting fictional account of historical events in early VA and Ohio history. It does involve capture of settlers by Shawnee Indians so it is very graphic and gory but true to history. In a similar class with Allen Eckert books on this period of history. Anyone who has read his series (like "The Frontiersman") would enjoy this book and author. Recommended to us at a State Park gift store in KY near where many of these Indian Wars occurred and near the last home of Daniel Boone in KY. My husband's ancestors settled this area, and some were actually captured by Indians during this time, so it was particularly of interest to him.

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