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foodways, religious practices, and more, all of which changed the captor culture. This book provides a framework that will enable archaeologists to understand the scale and nature of cultural transmission by captives and it will also interest anthropologists, historians, and other scholars who study captive-taking and slavery. Cameron's exploration of the peculiar amnesia that surrounds memories of captive-taking and enslavement around the world also establishes a connection with unmistakable contemporary relevance"--

"Using a comparative approach, a detailed study of captive-taking in small-scale societies and exploration of the profound impacts that captives had on the societies they joined. Opens new avenues of research about captives as significant sources of culture change"--
