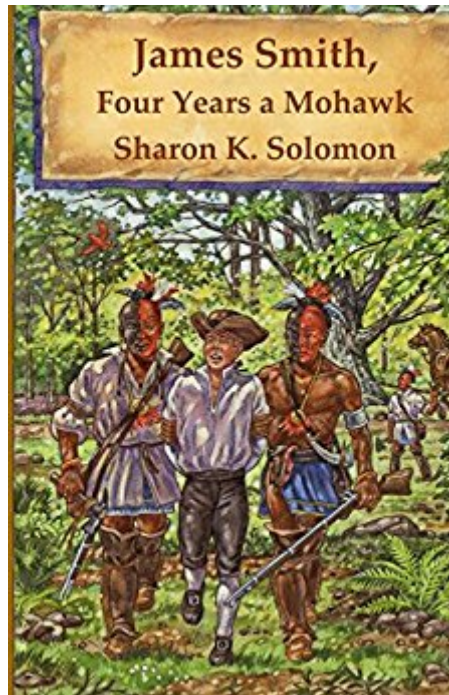


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# James Smith, Four Years A Mohawk



## Synopsis

With the French and Indian War closing in, sixteen-year-old James Smith and a friend are sent to cut a road for the British supply wagon. The young men must take care as they work. Even so, they are attacked and James is suddenly taken away from everything he knows. He becomes Scoouwa, an adopted Mohawk, but will he decide to stay with his new family or return to his Scots-Irish family on the Pennsylvania frontier? This is the struggle that James faces. Only he can decide his future.

“The dangers of colonial America are alive in this suspenseful young adult historic fiction based on the actual journal of James Smith, whose capture by Indians, and subsequent four-year struggle to survive, is delivered with authenticity and passion. I couldn’t put it down.”

• Mark H. Newhouse, award-winning author

“This book kept me wondering what would happen to James. It was very exciting and a must read for history fans.”

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James Smith, Four Years a Mohawk by Sharon K. SolomonI enjoyed reading this riveting historical fiction novel. Sharon Solomon’s extensive research is laced throughout the book.

The story of James Smith, a sixteen year old English boy is compelling. He was snatched by Mohawks when out clearing trees near his colonial settlement. The dangers James and his family lived with were many. This was the time of the French and Indian War, when native Indians and the French warred against the British. The colony in the wilds of western Pennsylvania struggled daily against the elements and the wildlife, as well. James was very brave and learned many survival skills from his Indian "brother" and other tribal members. These skills helped James survive as he walked his way home for a year's time. James Smith, *Four Years a Mohawk* is interesting from start to finish. I recommend this book, not only for preteens and teens, but also, for adults. As an adult and an author, I found this book to be well written and a real page-turner. I learned a lot about colonial life in the New World. The characters are well-developed. Readers will find themselves caring about James and the obstacles he faced. Review by Janis L. Silverman [janislsilverman.com](http://janislsilverman.com)

I greatly enjoyed this book. I loved reading about Indians Celebrations and dances. Historical fiction is one of my favorite genres and Sharon Solomon has done a great job at getting into the fictive dream and staying there. She is also good with point of view and giving each character their own "voice". I especially recommend it for those tweens studying this time period, 1770's and The French and Indian War. They will eat it up!!

I bought this book for my 13-year old granddaughter but decided to read it myself before I give it to her. I was utterly spellbound by the story of this young man who was held captive by the Indians. The attention to detail that the author included about their living arrangements, games, hunting techniques, etc. showed that she must have done an incredible amount of research. I highly recommend this book to teen-agers!

Incredibly well written book that would interest older elementary school students on up through high school and beyond. I read it and learned things I didn't know! Written from different character's viewpoints, the book gives a different perspective on what it was like to be living during this time.

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