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I enjoyed this book because it was based on a true story of a soldier from the Civil War and him being captive in the Andersonville Prison. I had ancestors that were captive there and reading this brought to life their suffering. I was trying to see if their names were mentioned in the roster that is inside the book but I’m uncertain if they are. Learning from the past helps us to not let those things happen in the future.

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