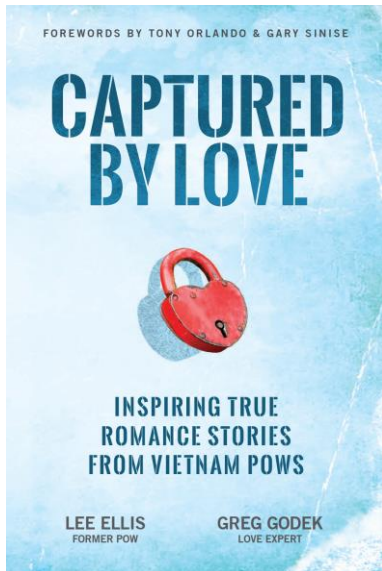


# Captured by Love Discussion Guide

- For book clubs and groups reading together



**Title:**

*Captured by Love - Inspiring True Romance Stories from Vietnam POWs*

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## Overview

### Experience 20 Romance Stories of Top Gun POWs

*Captured by Love* shares the real love stories of 20 Vietnam War POWs. Some had wives who started a movement that changed American foreign policy. Others came home and had to start over, while five single men met the loves of their lives. Despite their unique differences, all these couples have been happily married 40 to 65 years.

### You'll be swept up into some extraordinary tales such as:

- Carole boldly gave her husband's POW-MIA bracelet to John Wayne—he wore it for years!
- Pan Am stewardess Suzy wore a bracelet for POW Bill Bailey, whom she did not know. But she prayed for him daily, and miraculously met and married him when he came home.
- After eight years in prison, one POW said to his wife in his first phone call upon his release, “Hi Jane. It's Tarzan.” You will laugh and cry when you learn why.

Former POW Lee Ellis and love expert Greg Godek take you on a dramatic journey of faithfulness, passion, excitement, resilience, and practical love lessons from these couples.

## Questions and Topics for Discussion

1. What did you think about the structure of the book?
2. Was there a good balance between the men and their wives' stories before, during, and after the war; the history of the Vietnam War; and the relationship guidance in the book?
3. What did you like about the takeaways at the end of each chapter? (Love Lessons and Historical Highlights)
4. What did you know about the Vietnam War and the POWs before reading the book?
5. What was new for you regarding the Tap Code or about the Hanoi University that the POWs devised to communicate and learn and keep their minds engaged?
6. Who do you know that was a POW or MIA in Vietnam (or any war)?
7. Discuss what the wives did to impact the awareness of POWs and MIAs and the improvement in treatment of the POWs.
8. Discuss the strength of the women in the book.
9. How did their spiritual faith play an important part in some of these stories?
10. Discuss the unpopularity of the Vietnam War; the PTSD for ground troops vs POWs in Hanoi; and the more welcoming homecoming for POWs than ground troops.

11. Discuss the themes in the book. (i.e., courage, faith, heroism, isolation, loneliness, loss, love, outrage, patriotism, perseverance, relationships, resilience, strength, survival)
12. Discuss the Relationship Love Lessons in the book. (i.e., companionship, common values/shared faith, respect, unique strengths, trust, optimism, commitment, authentic)
13. What was your favorite passage in the book? Favorite quote or quotes?
14. What was your favorite love story in the book?
15. What research did you do on this topic while reading this book (if any)? (POWromance.com, Internet search and/or Books)
16. What questions would you like to ask the authors?
17. What books that were referenced in the appendices do you plan to read, if any? (Marriage and Relationship, and other POWs' books)
18. What would be helpful for couples if they took the Relationship Report mentioned in the back of the book? How has the book given you a better understanding and appreciation of your and your partner's differences and strengths?
19. What did you find valuable in the relationship guidance?

## Praise for *Captured by Love*

- “The principles learned through the struggles of the war actually brought them closer together. Read this book and be inspired to strengthen your relationship too.” – **John Gray, Relationship Counselor, Lecturer, and Author of *Beyond Mars and Venus: Relationship Skills for Today's Complex World***
- “Authors Lee and Greg skillfully highlight the stories and valuable lessons of these heroic men and women using empathy and historical context.” – **Heath Hardage Lee, Author of *The League of Wives***
- “I was totally captivated and inspired by *Captured by Love*. It's one of the best books about love, marriage and faith that I have read.” – **Dr. Ted Baehr, Founder and Publisher of MOVIEGUIDE®**
- “There are well over 1,000 books about the Vietnam War, but this is the only one that gathers the inspirational and sometimes heartbreaking love stories of 20 former POWs.” – **LeAnn Thieman, Nurse, Author, and Speaker Hall of Fame Inductee**

### **Awards:**

- Amazon Best Seller in Military Families and Survival Biographies & Memoirs
- 2023 International Book Awards Finalist in Best Nonfiction Cover Design
- 2023 International Book Awards Finalist in Best Interior Design
- 2023 International Book Awards Finalist in Military History

## About the Authors

**Lee Ellis** - As president of Leading with Honor and FreedomStar Media, Lee Ellis is a nationally recognized coach, speaker, and retired USAF Colonel that shares his expertise in the areas of leadership, teambuilding, and human performance. He is also author of the award-winning book about his Vietnam POW experience entitled *Leading with Honor®: Leadership Lessons from the Hanoi Hilton*.

**Greg Godek** - Greg's first dozen books were creative romps through romantic love. Jay Leno joked about Greg Godek's first book in his monologue: “There's a new book called ‘1001 Ways to be Romantic.’ That's an awful lot of ways! I mean, guys—if the first thousand ways don't work...what are the chances she's gonna stick around when you say, ‘Oh wait! One more!?!’” Appearances on “The Today Show” and articles in “The Sunday New York Times” and “Cosmo,” plus his record-breaking book signing tour made Greg's book a #1 bestseller, with three million copies sold.

Explore an extensive collection of information on [www.POWromance.com](http://www.POWromance.com) about the couples mentioned in the book, the Vietnam era, media articles and videos, and the Relationship Report.

