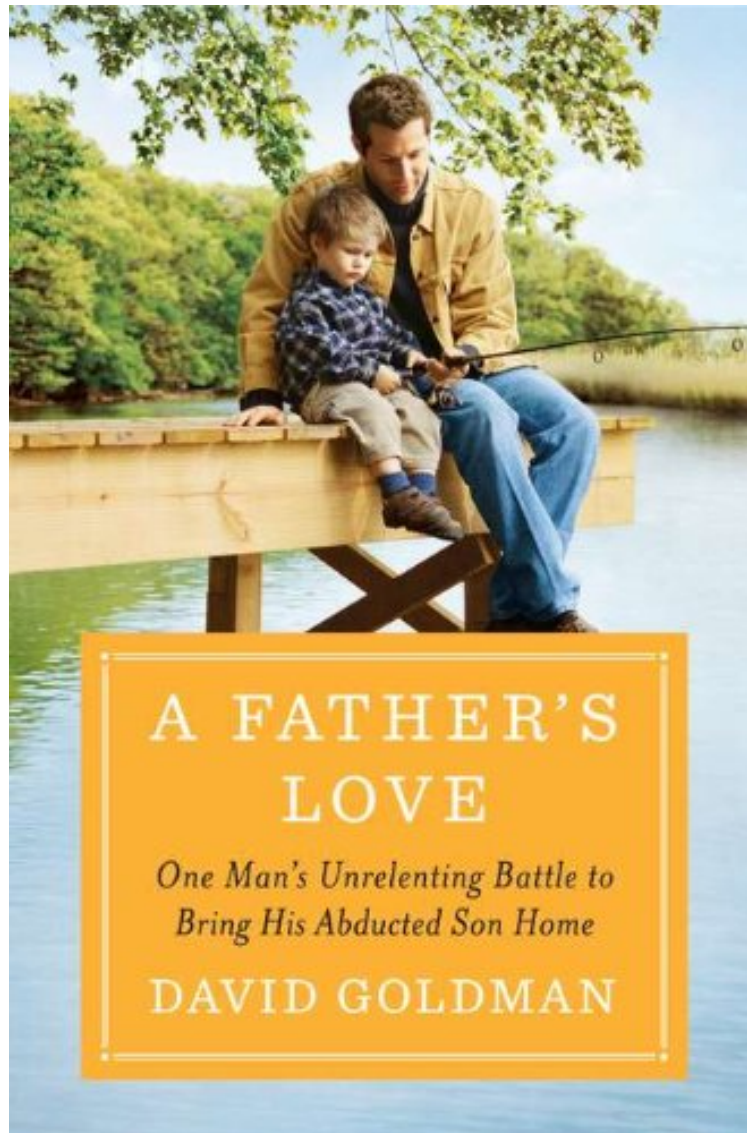


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8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. A Father's Love | David Goldman's Memoir | Parental AbductionBy

JMHI've just finished reading David Goldman's recently released book about the successful return of his son, Sean, from Brazil--an effort that took nearly 5 1/2 years. Titled, "A Father's Love: One Man's Unrelenting Battle to Bring His Abducted Son Home," the memoir shares Goldman's heart-wrenching and inspiring story of his relentless and determined efforts to recover Sean after the child's abduction by his mother in 2004. I read this compelling story in one sitting. It was simply not a book I could lay down. David Goldman thought that he and his Brazilian wife, Bruna Bianchi, had a good marriage and her departure for Brazil in June 2004 was a planned vacation. Goldman, in fact, drove Bruna, Sean and Bruna's parents to the airport. Needless to say, Goldman was shocked when Bruna telephoned him only two days after she arrived in Brazil to say that she was not returning. She told him that he had to come to Brazil and sign over full custody of Sean to her if he ever wanted to see Sean again. Goldman took swift legal action to attempt recovery of Sean. He obtained a court order in New Jersey giving him temporary custody and then filed an action under the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of Parental Abduction seeking Sean's return. In 2004, Brazil had 66 American children who had been kidnapped by a parent. Brazil, although a signatory to the Hague Convention since 2000, had never returned a child to the U.S. Goldman soon learned that he was up against formidable opponents. When Bruna died in childbirth (having married a Brazilian lawyer despite the fact that she'd never obtained a U.S. divorce), David thought that surely Sean would be returned to him. In fact, Brazil's law in that regard is the same as that in the U.S. The surviving parent's right to custody of the child trumps the rights of any third parties. The legal maneuverings and political connections of the people Goldman calls "the abductors" and "the kidnappers" were extraordinary. Goldman finally received support in what became an international controversy that eventually reached the highest levels of the U.S. and Brazilian governments. However, this father's unwavering love kept him going despite threats to his life, unbelievable legal fees and other costs for the many fruitless trips to Brazil. He was fortunate to have the assistance of good friends (both new and old) and some pretty amazing people who rallied around and brought political and economic pressure to bear upon Brazil. After Bruna's death, when the ruthlessness of the "second kidnappers" was exposed, many public figures and elected officials helped David obtain the media exposure and legislative assistance that was surely a key part of the solution. In particular, David was assisted by attorney Patricia Apy of Paras, Apy Reiss, P.C. in Red Bank, New Jersey and also by attorney Ricardo Zamariola in Brazil. Although I am a family lawyer who has done more than my share of parental abductions, both interstate and international, I am really quite awed by all that these two lawyers, and their partners and assistants, were able to do for David and Sean Goldman. After Bruna died, by the law of both lands, Sean should have been returned to his biological father but he was not. These hard-working and talented lawyers and many elected political figures brought pressure to bear in very persuasive ways to obtain Sean's return to his father and to his homeland / place of habitual residence. Others, State Department Hague Authority and consular personnel, also assisted in many ways. I could list those many important people, but you will learn their identities when you read this wonderful book. This is an extremely well-written book in which Goldman exposes legal machinations, peculiar ironies, and the compelling emotional elements involved in every step of his journey to bring Sean home. All the while Goldman keeps, as he did throughout the frustrating court appearances in Brazil, in New Jersey appearances and also on national television interviews, a solemn face and refuses to stoop to the level of the Brazilian family. He does not lose his composure. Goldman continues to help other left-behind parents in their efforts to recover their own abducted children, and a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the book will be donated to [...], which continues today to focus the Bring Sean Home Foundation's efforts on behalf of abducted children around the world.

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A Father's Amazing Love By Teresa Williams I have followed David and Sean's story since David first appeared on NBC's Today Show pleading for help, so much so until I felt as though they have become a part of my family. This book does not disappoint. David did a wonderful job of describing the ordeal he and Sean endured at the hands of Sean's kidnappers. To see the journey from a father's eyes and read his discouragements, fears, and how he held it together through so many times when his mind, body, and spirit were worn out - just goes to show his amazing dedication and love for his son, Sean. There were a couple of pleasant surprises ( that I will not reveal) and I almost couldn't wait to get to the end of the book and get an update on what has happened since Sean has been home. It was at and continues to be at a great price that this man determined and succeeded in his quest to bring his boy home. God blessed him with people who walked the journey with him, supported him, and encouraged him - now he is paying them back by helping others who are walking through their own nightmare trying to get an abducted child back into the arms of a loving parent. There is also a few photos included in the book. Well done David! Best wishes to you and Sean...

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Betty Andrews I don't like to read, but this one I like

The inspiring, heart-rending story of a father's unwavering love for his son. David Goldman and his Brazilian wife, Bruna Bianchi, led what appeared to be a happy life in New Jersey. But in June 2004, Bianchi took their four-year-old son, Sean, to Brazil for what she said would be a two- week vacation. Once there, she informed Goldman that she was staying in Brazil-and keeping Sean, setting in motion an international controversy that would eventually reach the highest levels of the U.S. and Brazilian governments. It would be almost five years before David saw Sean again. What kept David Goldman going when everything looked so hopeless? In A Father's Love, Goldman recounts his

extraordinary battle, despite overwhelming odds, to bring his abducted son back home. It is a riveting story full of peculiar ironies, unfathomable elements, threats, and legal twists and turns. Goldman describes in detail the wrenching emotions he went through and how he relentlessly rallied support behind the scenes from both high-level U.S. government officials and national media organizations. Father and son were finally reunited in December 2009, and Goldman writes about the challenges he is now facing as he works to rebuild his relationship with his son, and the advocacy work he is doing on behalf of other children in similar circumstances. Goldman's unusual story movingly celebrates an ordinary man's incredible love for and loyalty to his son, and his ability to overcome the unimaginable to keep them together. It is a testament to how connected any father and son can be.

Gut-wrenching . . . a journey of unimaginable heartbreak and loss. BookPageA riveting tale of an unusual abduction. Kirkus sOne engaging and bittersweet volume. New Jersey MonthlyAbout the AuthorDavid Goldman grew up in Ocean Township, New Jersey, the son of a charter boat captain. A graduate of Virginia Wesleyan College. He runs a charter boat business and does advocacy work on international child abduction. Visit [bringseanhome.org](http://bringseanhome.org)