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Richard Pierpoint or Captain Dick, as he was commonly known, emerges from the shadows of history in *A Stolen Life: Searching for Richard Pierpoint*. An African warrior who was captured at about age 16, Pierpoint lived his remaining years in exile. From his birth in Bundu (now part of Senegal) around 1744 until his death in rural Ontario in 1837, Pierpoint's life allows us to glimpse the activity of an African involved in some of the world's great events.

"We are indebted to the authors for breathing life into this man, who though taken from his home early in his life still was able to make a significant contribution to the early history of Upper Canada. He fought, farmed and became a giant to the Black community. We thank you for a wonderful story of this often forgotten segment of Canadian history."

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"A well-researched and highly readable chronicle of Richard Pierpoint's life in Africa and North America — as a slave, a soldier, and as a pioneer in Upper Canada's wilderness. ... a vitally important contribution to Canadian Black history."

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