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Book Reviews and Notices

Where the Bones Rest, by Roger Pavey. LeClaire, Iowa: Ablewise Books, 2011. 309 pp. \$11.95 paper.

Reviewer Patrick J. Jung is associate professor of history and anthropology at the Milwaukee School of Engineering. He is the author of *The Black Hawk War of 1832* (2007).

Where the Bones Rest is a respectable work of historical fiction about the Black Hawk War of 1832. It revolves around the first-person narratives of three persons who actually participated in the conflict: Namesa, a young Sauk mother; Dr. Addison Philleo, a newspaper editor and physician from Galena who fought under General Henry Dodge; and Rachel Hall, a white settler taken captive by the Indians. Like all good writers in this genre, Roger Pavey embellishes the story with fictional dialog and events that are nevertheless firmly grounded in factual history. There are a few errors. On page 2, Pavey states that Namesa's entire lodge belonged to the Osh-Kosh moiety of the Sauk tribe. That would have been impossible because membership in the two moieties was based on birth order. Thus, if a Sauk father was a Kish-co, his first-born child would be an Osh-Kosh, his second-born child a Kish-co, and so forth. Moreover, on page 27, Pavey states that General Henry Atkinson (whose name among the Indians was White Beaver) forced Black Hawk's followers to leave Saukenuk in 1831; in fact, it was General Edmund P. Gaines. These, however, are minor errors in what is otherwise a well-researched work of fiction. Black Hawk War buffs will certainly want to read this book, and its very readable text makes it accessible to younger readers (particularly those in high school) who will find it an excellent introduction to this fascinating Indian war that spanned the states of Illinois, Wisconsin, and Iowa in the summer of 1832.

The Pawnee Mission Letters, 1834–1851, edited by Richard E. Jensen. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2010. xxxii, 676 pp. Illustrations, map, notes, bibliography, index. \$60.00 paper.

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