Glenn Frankel, Pulitzer Prize winning author and director of the UT School of Journalism, discusses his best-selling book, The Searchers: The Making of An American Legend. Frankel analyzes the story of Cynthia Ann Parker, who in June, 1836 was captured by Comanche Indians in the attack on Parker’s Fort, near present-day Groesbeck in Limestone County. Living with the tribe for almost a quarter of a century, she was captured again, this time by Texas Rangers, on the eve of the Civil War. She died in the 1870s, having made several unsuccessful attempts to return to her Comanche family. More than a history of Cynthia Ann Parker’s remarkable life, however, Frankel’s book examines her story’s place in American popular culture. Over the years the story has been told and retold, serving as the source of the Alan Le May novel “The Searchers,” which would become John Ford’s 1956 classic film, starring John Wayne.

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A free screening of The Searchers will be held at 5 p.m., Central Library, 6th floor Parlor.

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