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“The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present.” – Abraham Lincoln

Tensions over the expansion of slavery had strained the very sinews of the Union for decades. One man stepped forward. Born into an impoverished frontier farm in Kentucky, Abraham Lincoln rose to prominence in Illinois before taking on the biggest threat to its existence the United States had ever faced.

Lincoln delivered his inaugural address, then was given the presidential oath of office by Chief Justice Roger Taney, whose Dred Scott decision had further divided the nation and enlarged the growing rift between free states and slave states. Lincoln pondered whether he would be able to keep the Union together.

"We must not be enemies. We must be friends."

Lincoln tried to reassure the South:

"The government will not assail you. You can have no conflict, without yourself being the aggressors."

He pleaded with them not to destroy the vision of the Founders, who established the Constitution “to form a more perfect union.” But he was also firm:

"You have no oath registered in Heaven to destroy the government, while I shall have the most solemn one to ‘preserve, protect and defend’ it."

After being sworn into office, Lincoln traveled alone by carriage up muddy Pennsylvania Avenue to the White House. Just over a month later, the Confederate army fired on Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina, beginning the Civil War. The conflict that followed over the next four years would be the bloodiest and most divisive struggle ever faced by America. The responsibility for saving the nation fell squarely on Lincoln.

Vividly written and packed with colorful and rare illustrations, Lincoln: The Man Who Saved America is the fascinating story of how a self-taught boy from Kentucky changed the world.

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Vidura Barrios says

Very well written account of the life of Lincoln.

Amanda Yamate says

Excellent, excellent book. So enjoyable and well-written. Kent shares major moments of Lincoln's life and how Lincoln's actions saved our country and made it what it is today. Every fact supports the concept that Lincoln is basically a superhero...which I have always believed haha.

David Kent says

This book is designed to appeal to a wide range of readers who want to learn things about Lincoln they may not have known are read in other biographies. Packed with colorful and rare illustrations, Lincoln: The Man Who Saved America is visually stunning and the writing is light and easy.

The book begins with Lincoln's early childhood on the farm in Kentucky and follows him as the family moves to free state of Indiana. We look at his rudimentary, most self-taught education and the loss of his mother, then his sister. Now an adult, Lincoln moves to Illinois and, after two flatboat trips to New Orleans, strikes out on his own in New Salem.

Additional chapters delve into the beginnings of his life in politics, his loves and family, and his life on the circuit and as a lawyer in Springfield. After being out of politics for several years, Lincoln is suddenly "aroused as never before" by passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Act by rival Stephen A. Douglas, which is destined to spread slavery into the territories - and perhaps nation-wide.

Running for president is covered in a chapter, and there are two chapters covering Lincoln's struggles to save the Union during the Civil War. The final chapter looks at his martyrdom and long-lasting legacy.

Lincoln: The Man Who Saved America tells the story of a man who excelled beyond anyone's imagination, and who rose to power during the nation's most demanding trials. Through easy to read language and with spectacular photos, cartoons, and drawings in a format that blends the best of vivid writing with a graphical novel feel, this book brings out the incredible man who saved America from itself.

I am the author of this book. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I enjoyed writing it. See also my earlier books, Tesla: The Wizard of Electricity and Edison: The Inventor of the Modern World.

Sally Andrews says

Good book. I especially loved the artwork.

Ru Sun says

A very informative and beautifully written book! The author did a great job introducing the life of Abraham Lincoln - from childhood to presidency to legacy. It is rather challenging to distill so many important facts and interesting anecdotes into a concise and easy-to-understand book. As the saying goes, "Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication." Only a deep understanding of the history and the man himself would make it possible. Once again the author delivered an outstanding biography that exceeded expectations.

Sandra Rushlo says

I absolutely loved this book. It may help that I love Lincoln; but this biography taught me a lot that I'd never known before (no spoilers - you'll have to read it yourself!). Somehow, Mr. Kent managed to fit everything from small details about Lincoln's childhood to his martyrdom into this richly illustrated bio. It would delight the most well-versed scholars and the readers who know nothing of the man. The matter-of-fact style of writing, interspersed with beautiful paintings and early photography, portrays such a wide array of anecdotes, witticisms, and painful truths about Lincoln and his time. Kent has produced a masterpiece, yet never idealizes him as many do but gives the full portrait of a man humble, flawed, and yet heroic. He even worked in a brief lesson on the shifting political parties, and the topics have never been so pertinent as they are today. This is a must-read for any history buff or anyone looking to explore a new subject.

Becky says

I absolutely love learning about Abraham Lincoln. I always forget that he did not have this fast rise to popularity and the presidency. It was through his dedication to his beliefs and hard work that he got to where he was.

Dan Bell says

I really enjoyed reading this book. I found it to be well written and the artwork was amazing! I've actually been shopping for prints that were in the book. I didn't agree with everything in the book as some events that were stated as fact are actually debated by other Lincoln historians but a great overview of Lincoln's life.

Dave Oas says

Good book on how events in Lincoln's life helped shape his view on slavery and eventual rise to the US presidency. Didn't care for interjection of author's political bias in last chapter, but otherwise it was well written.
