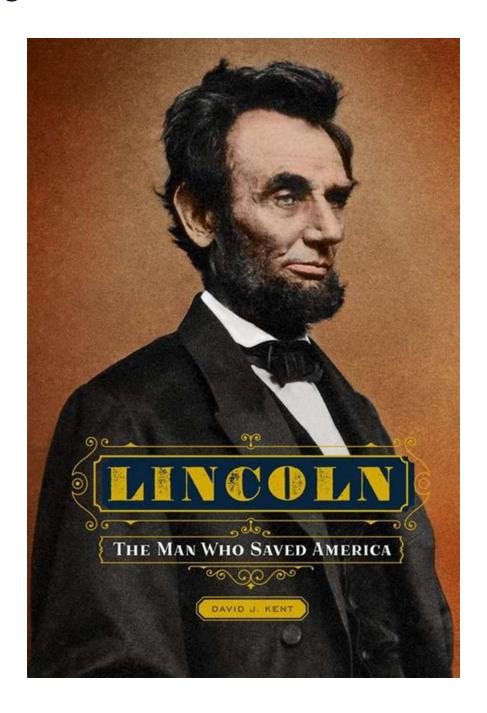
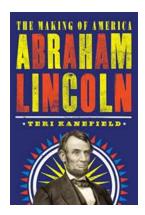
# The Untold Story of Abraham Lincoln: The Making Of America



America's history is filled with exceptional figures who left an indelible mark on the nation's fabric. One such towering personality is Abraham Lincoln - the 16th President of the United States. Lincoln's journey from humble beginnings to becoming the leader of a nation in turmoil is a testament to his character, determination, and commitment to making America a land of freedom and equality for all.

#### **Childhood and Early Life**

Abraham Lincoln was born on February 12, 1809, in a log cabin in Hardin County, Kentucky. The young Lincoln grew up in a family of modest means, facing numerous challenges and hardships. His upbringing in a log cabin didn't deter him; instead, it instilled in him the values of hard work, honesty, and perseverance that would define his character for years to come.



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Lincoln received limited formal education, but his appetite for knowledge was insatiable. Self-taught and fueled by his love for books, he became an avid reader and devoured everything he could get his hands on. His intellectual curiosity coupled with a natural talent for public speaking laid the foundation for his future political career.

#### **Political Journey**

Lincoln's political career began in 1834 when he won a seat in the Illinois State Legislature. His unyielding quest for justice and his unwavering opposition to slavery soon earned him popularity and respect among his constituents. In 1860, he secured the Republican Party's nomination for the presidency and emerged victorious, facing a divided nation on the verge of civil war.

As President, Lincoln faced one of the most challenging periods in American history. The Civil War tested his leadership skills and his commitment to preserving the Union. In the face of tremendous adversity, Lincoln's resolve never faltered. His Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 forever changed the course of the war and was a pivotal moment in America's struggle for freedom and equality.

#### The Great Emancipator

Abraham Lincoln will forever be remembered as the President who ended slavery in America. The Emancipation Proclamation, though limited in effect at the time, marked a significant turning point in the fight against slavery. Lincoln's unwavering belief in the rights of all individuals, regardless of their race or background, provided hope to millions of enslaved African Americans.

However, Lincoln's fight for justice and equality came at a high cost. On April 14, 1865, while attending a play at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C., he was assassinated by Confederate sympathizer John Wilkes Booth. His untimely death shocked the nation and left a void that would be hard to fill.

### **Lincoln's Enduring Legacy**

Abraham Lincoln's impact on America is immeasurable. His leadership during one of the nation's darkest periods ensured that the United States remained intact and that slavery was abolished. His steadfast commitment to democracy,

equality, and justice laid the foundation for future generations to continue the fight for civil rights and equal opportunities.

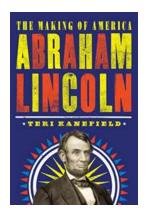
Today, Lincoln's legacy can be seen in the ongoing pursuit of equality, social justice, and the dream of a better America for all. He serves as a reminder that every individual, regardless of their background, has the power to shape the course of history and make a lasting impact on society.

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Abraham Lincoln's journey from humble beginnings to becoming one of America's greatest presidents is a story that resonates with people from all walks of life. His dedication to the democratic ideals upon which the nation was founded and his unwavering commitment to justice and equality continue to inspire generations.

As we reflect on Lincoln's life, it is crucial to remember that his remarkable achievements were not born out of privilege but out of sheer determination and an unyielding belief in the American dream. Abraham Lincoln truly epitomized the spirit of America and remains an enduring symbol of hope, freedom, and progress.

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Praise by many as America's greatest president, Abraham Lincoln guided the country through the Civil War and was the Great Emancipator who freed the enslaved and paved the way for the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Amendments. Lincoln was denounced by others as a tyrant who trampled the Constitution, denied individual liberty, and failed to avert the war that left more than six hundred thousand American soldiers dead.

Born in a cabin deep in the backwoods of Kentucky, growing up in a family considered "the poorest of the poor," Lincoln rose to become a highly respected lawyer and stateman. He often used different arguments with different people depending on the needs of the moment, leading one exasperated opponent to call him two-faced, and leaving others to marvel at his effectiveness as a politician and leader.

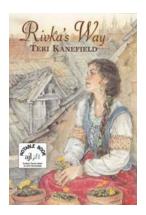
A practical statesman and not an idealist, Abraham Lincoln knew he could not accomplish all he set out to do, but he remained alert for opportunities to achieve his long-desired objective of liberty and justice for all.

The book includes selections of Lincoln's writing, a bibliography, and an index.

"This concise and balanced narrative encapsulates the life and legacy of one of the country's most important leaders. . . . A solid addition for understanding America's story." —Kirkus Reviews

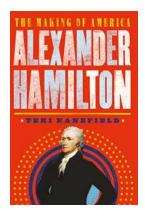
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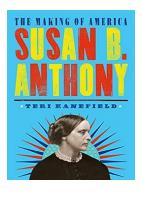
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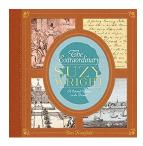
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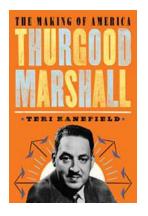
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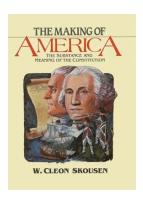
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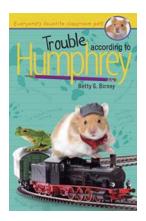
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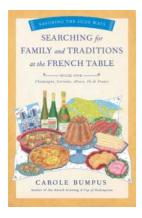
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