

THE ESSENTIAL LINCOLN BOOK SHELF

The 177 Basic Books for an Abraham Lincoln Library

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The Lincoln collector, confronted with approximately 10,000 books and pamphlets relating to Abraham Lincoln, must wonder if he has tackled too vast a subject. No other historical personage, excepting Napoleon, has been studied and written about as much as our 16th President. And the list of Lincoln publications continues to grow at a steady pace.

We have always felt the collector should have an attainable goal; that is, a selective list of books which would offer what is considered to be the most authoritative and best written works on the subject. But the myriad of choices presents a profound problem for serious readers and collectors. Where does one begin assembling a basic Lincoln library? To address this problem, we offer the following list of 177 titles pertaining to Lincoln's life and times [For those who ask, we chose 177 because that is what number the essential list came to].

We don't expect everyone to agree with our choices, though this list does represent the consensus of leading authorities in the field of Lincoln scholarship. But we accept responsibility for the final choice. This list has not been prepared in catalogue form. Therefore, we simply list each title, indicating the major editions for both scholarship and collecting. We list the first trade edition only if there are no major additions in subsequent (if any) editions. If there is a reprint with added material, or a limited edition of note, we will list other significant editions after the first as (b), (c), etc.

One can certainly collect well beyond this list, for there are many significant and collectible printed works that would add to any Lincoln library. These specialized categories (*e.g.* the assassination, his youth or legal practice, bibliographies, campaign literature, etc.) each would have their own additional "essential" titles.

WE SUGGEST YOU USE THIS AS A CHECKLIST AND ADVISE US WHICH BOOKS YOU SEEK.

1. **THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN QUARTERLY. Volume I, March 1940, through Volume VIII, December 1952. 52 issues, wraps.** A complete run of this informative publication from the Abraham Lincoln Association. Superb essays, interpretive in nature; mostly original articles by the major Lincoln contributors --- Randall, Thomas, Angle, Pratt, *et al.* A Lincoln-related frontispiece was a regular feature.
2. **Angle, Paul M. HERE I HAVE LIVED: A HISTORY OF LINCOLN'S SPRINGFIELD, 1821 – 1865. [A] Springfield: 1935. 313p., ft., illus., fold. map. [B] Chicago and New Salem: 1971. New Introduction by the author.** A history of Springfield to the end of the Civil War, emphasizing Lincoln's connections with the city, by the one-time Librarian of the Illinois State Historical Society.
3. **Angle, Paul M., with Case, Richard G., eds. A PORTRAIT OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN IN LETTERS BY HIS OLDEST SON. Chicago: 1968. 92p., ft.** This valuable source contains over eighty letters written between 1903 and 1926 in which Robert Todd Lincoln commented about his father's life.
4. **Baber, Adin. NANCY HANKS: THE DESTINED MOTHER OF A PRESIDENT. Kansas, IL: 1963. 174p., tipped in ft.** A genealogical study of the Hanks family.
5. **Baker, Jean. MARY TODD LINCOLN: A BIOGRAPHY. New York: 1987. 429p., illus.** The standard portrait of Mary Lincoln.

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6. **Baringer, William E. LINCOLN'S RISE TO POWER.** Boston: 1937. 373p., ft., illus. A fine account of Lincoln's strategy that, within two years, turned him from a defeated senatorial candidate into the successful Republican candidate for President.
7. **Baringer, William E. LINCOLN'S VANDALIA: A PIONEER PORTRAIT.** New Brunswick: 1949. 141p., illus. Lincoln passed his freshman course in politics in this lively frontier capital. Here started his rivalry with Stephen A. Douglas, as well as the friendships that would one day carry him to the White House.
8. **Barr, John McKee. LOATHING LINCOLN: AN AMERICAN TRADITION FROM THE CIVIL WAR TO THE PRESENT.** Baton Rouge: 2014. 471p. The first panoramic study of Lincoln-hating in American life, from both the left and the right, and from his day to the present.
9. **Barton, William E. THE LINEAGE OF LINCOLN.** Indianapolis: 1929. 419p., illus. Detailed genealogical research on the Lincoln and Hanks families.
10. **Barton, William E. THE PATERNITY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN: WAS HE THE SON OF THOMAS LINCOLN?** New York: 1920. 414p. An "essay" on the chastity of Nancy Hanks. When many popular scholars developed what Barton felt were unsatisfactory refutations of the rumors, he took on the subject himself.
11. **Bates, David H. LINCOLN IN THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE.** New York: 1907. 432p., ft. Personal recollections and dispatches of a War Department telegraph office manager and a cipher operator, 1861-1866.
12. **Beale, Howard K., ed. THE DIARY OF EDWARD BATES, 1859 – 1866.** Washington: 1933. 685p. The diary of Lincoln's Attorney General, a southern moderate and unionist. documents life and politics in St. Louis during the secession crisis, Washington in wartime, legal and administrative issues, and his evaluation of Lincoln.
13. **Bernard, Kenneth A. LINCOLN AND THE MUSIC OF THE CIVIL WAR.** Caldwell, ID: 1966. 333p., ft., illus. Excellent work on the importance of patriotic music during the Civil War.
14. **Beveridge, Albert J. ABRAHAM LINCOLN, 1809-1858.** Boston: 1928. 2 vols. (607p.; 741p.), fts. One of the classic Lincoln biographies. Though older, still one of the finest studies on Lincoln's early life. Beveridge died before finishing.
15. **Boritt, Gabor S. LINCOLN AND THE ECONOMICS OF THE AMERICAN DREAM.** Memphis: 1978. 420p., illus. Lincoln's economic concerns and observations long preceded the political issues of slavery and secession. These ideas helped him not only face his political trials but create a clearer vision of the American Dream.
16. **Boritt, Gabor S., ed. THE HISTORIAN'S LINCOLN: PSEUDOHISTORY, PSYCHOHISTORY, AND HISTORY.** Urbana: 1988. 423p., illus.; **THE HISTORIAN'S LINCOLN: REBUTTALS, WHAT THE UNIVERSITY PRESS WOULD NOT PRINT.** Gettysburg: 1988. Wraps, 43p., erratum sheet. Numerous writers, among them Current, Fehrenbacher, McPherson and Oates, defend and denounce various images of Lincoln and views of his biographers, focusing on the fundamental issue of whether Lincoln's ultimate commitment was to union or liberty.
17. **Borreson, Ralph. WHEN LINCOLN DIED.** New York: 1965. 231p., ft., illus. The assassination and aftermath, as told in quoted writings by eyewitnesses and observations of the people of the day. Richly illustrated; elegantly edited.
18. **Braden, Waldo W. ABRAHAM LINCOLN, PUBLIC SPEAKER.** Baton Rouge: 1988. 119p. An analysis of Lincoln's rhetorical style argues persuasively that he was a gifted, underrated orator with a style based on simplicity, common sense and good moral character. Excellent study of Lincoln's development as a campaigner and speaker.
19. **Braden, Waldo W., ed. BUILDING THE MYTH: SELECTED SPEECHES MEMORIALIZING ABRAHAM LINCOLN.** Urbana and Chicago: 1990. 259p. A compilation of 23 speeches that illuminate the rhetorical dimension of the Lincoln myth; includes orations by Emerson, T. Roosevelt, Cuomo, Taft, Frederick Douglass, Garfield, and Booker T. Washington.
20. **Bray, Robert. READING WITH LINCOLN.** Carbondale and Edwardsville: 2010. 261p. At the core of Lincoln's success was his self-education. Bray uncovers the how of Lincoln's inspiring rise to greatness through the content of his reading.
21. **Brooks, Noah. WASHINGTON IN LINCOLN'S TIME.** [A] New York: 1895. 328p. [B] **Staudenraus, P.J., ed. MR. LINCOLN'S WASHINGTON: THE CIVIL WAR DISPATCHES OF NOAH BROOKS.** South Brunswick, NJ: 1967. 481p. Excellent insights on the time and place.

22. **(Browning, Orville H.) Pease, Theodore, & Randall, James, eds. THE DIARY OF ORVILLE HICKMAN BROWNING: 1850-1881. Springfield: 1925. 2 vols. (700p.; 698p.).** Thirty-one years in the life of this Illinois senator, cabinet member, and political associate and personal friend of Lincoln.
23. **Bruce, Robert. LINCOLN AND THE TOOLS OF WAR. Indianapolis and New York: 1956. 368p., ft., illus.** A fine treatment of the Union development of technology.
24. **Bryan, George S. THE GREAT AMERICAN MYTH. [A] New York: 1940. 436p., illus. [B] Chicago: 1990. New Introduction by William Hanchett.** The classic interpretation of Lincoln's assassination as a simple conspiracy, carried out by John Wilkes Booth acting on his own and dying in the Garret barn. In the second edition, William Hanchett provides an insightful essay, viewing the assassination through the eyes of Lincoln's biographers since 1865.
25. **Bunker, Gary L. FROM RAIL-SPLITTER TO ICON: LINCOLN'S IMAGE IN ILLUSTRATED PERIODICALS, 1860-1865. Kent & London: 2001. 387p., illus.** Editorial, news, poetic, and satirical content from contemporary periodicals is artfully woven into the narrative of a copiously illustrated history of the development of Lincoln's public profile.
26. **Burlingame, Michael. ABRAHAM LINCOLN: A LIFE. Baltimore: 2008. 1st ed., 2 vols. (942p.; 1034p.), illus.** Published to coincide with the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birth, this landmark publication establishes Burlingame as the most assiduous Lincoln biographer of recent memory and brings Lincoln alive to modern readers as never before.
27. **Burlingame, Michael, ed. AN ORAL HISTORY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN: JOHN G. NICOLAY'S INTERVIEWS AND ESSAYS. Carbondale: 1996. 167p.** With fellow secretary John Hay, Nicolay spent the years from 1872 to 1890 writing a monumental ten-volume biography of Lincoln. In preparation for this task, Nicolay interviewed men who had known Lincoln both during his years in Springfield and when he became President, among them Lamon, Speed, and Robert Todd Lincoln. These 39 interviews are supplemented by two previously unpublished essays by Nicolay.
28. **Burlingame, Michael, and Ettliger, John R. Turner, eds. INSIDE LINCOLN'S WHITE HOUSE: THE COMPLETE CIVIL WAR DIARY OF JOHN HAY. Carbondale: 1997. 393p.** Justly deemed the most intimate record we will ever have of Abraham Lincoln in the White House, this is, according to the editors "one of the richest deposits of high-grade ore for the smelters of Lincoln biographers and Civil War historians." The authoritative edition of Lincoln's secretary's finely written diary.
29. **Burt, John. LINCOLN'S TRAGIC PRAGMATISM: LINCOLN, DOUGLAS, AND MORAL CONFLICT. Cambridge and London: 2013. 814p.** Both Lincoln and Douglas struggled with an ethical conflict as profound as the one over slavery, one that strained the commitment to rule by both consent and principle. Burt contends that the very legitimacy of democratic governance was on the line.
30. **Burton, Orville Vernon. THE AGE OF LINCOLN. New York: 2007. 420p., illus.** Lincoln's "Age" is seen as stretching from the early days of American expansion to the closing of the frontier, with Lincoln playing a leading role in "Manifest Destiny".
31. **Carman, Harry J., & Luthin, Reinhard, H. LINCOLN AND THE PATRONAGE. New York: 1943. 375p., ft., illus.** The standard work on an important aspect of Lincoln's career.
32. **Carpenter, Francis B. SIX MONTHS AT THE WHITE HOUSE WITH ABRAHAM LINCOLN. THE STORY OF A PICTURE. New York: 1866. 359p.** The valuable recollections by the painter of the famous scene of Lincoln and his cabinet considering the Emancipation Proclamation.
33. **Carwardine, Richard J. LINCOLN. [A] London: 2003. 352p. [B] LINCOLN: A LIFE OF PURPOSE AND POWER. New York: 2006. 1st American ed., 394p., illus.** A superb political biography from across the Atlantic, examining Lincoln both as a rising politician and as president, and focusing on the sources of his authority and achievement, both moral and pragmatic.
34. **Chamlee, Roy Z. LINCOLN'S ASSASSINS: A COMPLETE ACCOUNT OF THEIR CAPTURE, TRIAL, AND PUNISHMENT. Jefferson, NC: 1990. 622p., illus., maps.** Extensively researched work, digging deep into War Department files, pretrial and trial testimony, newspaper accounts and manuscripts.
35. **Charnwood, Lord (G.R.B.) ABRAHAM LINCOLN. [A] London: 1916. 479p., ft., fold. map. [B] Lanham, MD: 1996. 347p. Introduction by Peter W. Schramm.** A balanced and thorough one-volume biography, by the English nobleman with the abiding respect for Lincoln's statesmanship. Still a fine read and good history.
36. **Clinton, Catherine. MRS. LINCOLN: A LIFE. New York: 2009. 1st ed., 415p., ft., illus.** Mary Lincoln's story is inextricably tied with the story of America and with her husband's presidency, yet her life is an extraordinary chronicle on its own.

37. **Cox, LaWanda. LINCOLN AND BLACK FREEDOM: A STUDY IN PRESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP. Columbia: 1981. 254p.** Cox concludes that Lincoln and Republican radicals "shared an identity of purpose, if not of rhetoric and tactic, in seeking basic rights, citizenship, and political participation for former slaves."
38. **Cuomo, Mario M., and Holzer, Harold, eds. LINCOLN ON DEMOCRACY. New York: 1990. 416p., ft., illus.** One of the greatest writers among American presidents, here, collected for the first time, are Abraham Lincoln's memorable expressions on those subjects closest to his political soul: equality, freedom, and self-determination. Includes essays by Gabor S. Boritt, James M. McPherson, Mark E. Neely, Jr., and others.
39. **Current, Richard N. THE LINCOLN NOBODY KNOWS. New York: 1958. 314p.** A collection of essays on controversial episodes from each period of Lincoln's life, by one of his abler biographers.
40. **DeRose, Chris. CONGRESSMAN LINCOLN. New York: 2013. 335p.** An excellent portrayal of Lincoln's first stint in Washington, revealing a man married to his political, moral, and ethical ideals.
41. **Dirck, Brian R. ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND WHITE AMERICA. Lawrence: 2012. 213p., illus.** Probing more deeply into what "white" meant in Lincoln's time and what it meant to Lincoln, Dirck ably demonstrates that Lincoln rose far above the confines of his culture.
42. **Dirck, Brian. LINCOLN THE LAWYER. Urbana and Chicago: 2007. 228p.** Abraham Lincoln lived most of his adult life as a practicing lawyer, and it was as a lawyer that he began his political career. In this excellent study of Lincoln's legal career, Brian Dirck explores the origins of Lincoln's desire to practice law, his legal education, his partnerships, and the maturation of his far-flung practice in the 1840s and 1850s.
43. **Donald, David. LINCOLN RECONSIDERED: ESSAYS ON THE CIVIL WAR ERA. [A] New York: 1956. 200p. [B] New York: 2001. Revised ed., 208p.** The author addresses basic issues relating to Lincoln and the Civil War.
44. **Donald, David H. LINCOLN. New York: 1996. 714p., illus., maps.** "A grand work --- the Lincoln biography for this generation." --- Arthur Schlesinger, Jr.
45. **Donald, David H. LINCOLN'S HERNDON. New York: 1948. 392p., illus.** A fine biography of Lincoln's law partner, biographer, and friend.
46. **Donald, David Herbert. "WE ARE LINCOLN MEN". New York: 2003. 288p., illus.** Friendships never came easy for a man as private and as mysterious as Abraham Lincoln. This highly original book by a great historian and two-time winner of the Pulitzer Prize offers an enlightening way of looking at Lincoln by observing how he dealt with his friends and close associates, revealing much about how he grew in his mastery of managing other men.
47. **Donald, David Herbert, ed. INSIDE LINCOLN'S CABINET: THE CIVIL WAR DIARIES OF SALMON P. CHASE. New York: 1954. 342p., ft.** An intimate record and fine resource on the inner workings of Lincoln's administration by his Treasury Secretary.
48. **Dorris, Jonathan. PARDON AND AMNESTY UNDER LINCOLN AND JOHNSON: THE RESTORATION OF THE CONFEDERATES...1861-1898. Chapel Hill: 1953. 459p.** The best work on the subject; well written and thoroughly researched.
49. **Emerson, Jason. GIANT IN THE SHADOWS: THE LIFE OF ROBERT T. LINCOLN. Carbondale: 2012. 752p., illus.** Emerson draws upon previously unavailable materials to offer the first truly definitive biography of a man who, much more than merely the oldest and last surviving son of America's greatest president, made his own indelible mark on American history.
50. **Emerson, Jason. THE MADNESS OF MARY LINCOLN. Carbondale: 2007. 304p, illus.** In 2005, historian Jason Emerson discovered a steamer trunk formerly owned by Robert Todd Lincoln's lawyer and stowed in an attic for forty years. The trunk contained a rare find: 25 letters pertaining to Mary Todd Lincoln's life and insanity case, letters assumed long destroyed by the Lincoln family.
51. **Epstein, Daniel Mark. LINCOLN'S MEN: THE PRESIDENT AND HIS PRIVATE SECRETARIES. New York: 2009. 262p.** A narrative portrait of the three men who served as the President's secretaries during the Civil War --- John Nicolay, John Hay, and William Stoddard --- who spent more time with him during the war than anyone else outside his immediate family.
52. **Etulain, Richard W.; Gabbard, Sara Vaughn; and Rodrigue, Sylvia Frank, series eds. CONCISE LINCOLN LIBRARY. Carbondale: 2011-. Various authors, 19 volumes (as of 2015).** Through these short books (each less than 200p.), each focusing on a different area of Lincoln's life and career --- well-known subjects, previously overlooked aspects, and topics that have not yet received book-length treatment --- the best Lincoln scholars working today (among them Burlingame, Marszalek, and Steers) elaborate on the life, times, and legacy of the 16th President. These superb pieces can only be truly appreciated as a complete library.

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53. **Farber, Daniel. LINCOLN'S CONSTITUTION. Chicago & London: 2003. 240p.** Faber evaluates Lincoln's legal legacy comprehensively, leading the reader to understand the constitutional problems that arose during Lincoln's presidency, what arguments he made in defense of his actions, and how his words and deeds fit into the context of the times.
54. **Fehrenbacher, Don E. LINCOLN IN TEXT AND CONTEXT: COLLECTED ESSAYS. Palo Alto: 1987. 363p.** A wide-ranging and insightful collection, from this admired Lincoln scholar.
55. **Fehrenbacher, Don E. PRELUDE TO GREATNESS: LINCOLN IN THE 1850'S. Stanford: 1962. 205p.** Penetrating essays on Lincoln's rise to national prominence.
56. **Foner, Eric. THE FIERY TRIAL: ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND AMERICAN SLAVERY. New York and London: 2010. 448p.** A landmark work of deep scholarship and insight gives us the definitive history of Lincoln's evolving thought on slavery and the end of slavery in America.
57. **Fornieri, Joseph R. ABRAHAM LINCOLN, PHILOSOPHER STATESMAN. Carbondale: 2014. 216p., illus.** Through close textual analysis of Lincoln's speeches and writings, Fornieri reveals Lincoln to be a philosopher statesman in whom political thought and action were united.
58. **Fraker, Guy C. LINCOLN'S LADDER TO THE PRESIDENCY: THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT. Carbondale and Edwardsville: 2012. 328p., ft., illus., map.** Lincoln spent nearly as much time on the road as an attorney for the Eighth Judicial Circuit as he did in Springfield. Here are the people and counties that Lincoln encountered, the key cases he handled, and the important friends he made who formed the team that won him the presidency.
59. **Frank, John P. LINCOLN AS A LAWYER. [A] Urbana: 190p. [B] Chicago: 1991. 208p., new Introduction by Cullom Davis.** A fine study by a former professor at the Yale University law school. Lincoln spent 25 years as a lawyer and no one can truly understand him as a public figure without an understanding of these years.
60. **Gary, Ralph. FOLLOWING IN LINCOLN'S FOOTSTEPS: A COMPLETE ANNOTATED REFERENCE TO HUNDREDS OF HISTORICAL SITES VISITED BY ABRAHAM LINCOLN. New York: 2001. 480p., map.** From Abraham Lincoln's law offices to his White House office and from his Springfield address to the spot where he first heard the news of Robert E. Lee's surrender, this guidebook includes detailed maps and diagrams of the cities and buildings that Lincoln called home.
61. **Goodwin, Doris Kearns. TEAM OF RIVALS: THE POLITICAL GENIUS OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN. New York: 2005. 916p., illus.** A skillful, multiple biography, centered on Lincoln's ability to create a cabinet out of gifted, divergent personalities, and how Lincoln's personality shaped the most significant presidency in the nation's history.
62. **Guelzo, Allen C. LINCOLN'S EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION: THE END OF SLAVERY IN AMERICA. New York: 2004. 332p., illus.** One of the nation's foremost Lincoln scholars examines Lincoln's purposes in planning and issuing the Proclamation and identifies the sources, language, sequence, readership, and impact of the Proclamation's creation.
63. **Hamilton, Charles & Ostendorf, Lloyd. [A] LINCOLN IN PHOTOGRAPHS: AN ALBUM OF EVERY KNOWN POSE. Norman: 1963. 409p., illus. [B] Dayton: 1985. 2nd ed., revised, 421p, ft. illus. [C] Ostendorf, Lloyd. LINCOLN'S PHOTOGRAPHS: A COMPLETE ALBUM. Dayton: 1998. 3rd ed., revised, 437p., illus.** The basic reference work on Lincoln's photographs. The latest edition updates the entire work with newly added material and photographs, with "Ostendorf numbers" now running up to 130.
64. **Hanchett, William. THE LINCOLN MURDER CONSPIRACIES. Champaign: 1983. 304p., illus.** A thoughtful analysis of the assassination and of the various theories put forth to explain the murder. "The best interpretation of the assassination I have ever seen in print." - Mark E. Neely, Jr.
65. **Harris, William C. LINCOLN AND THE BORDER STATES: PRESERVING THE UNION. Lawrence: 2011. 416p., ft., illus., map.** Lincoln's patient and judicious management of border slave state affairs, despite occasional missteps, proved crucial in keeping those states in the Union, gaining their support for the war effort, and ultimately securing the end of slavery.
66. **Harris, William C. LINCOLN'S RISE TO THE PRESIDENCY. Lawrence: (2007). 412p.** Depicts Lincoln as increasingly driven not so much by his own ambitions as by his antislavery sentiments and his fear of the republic in the hands of Douglas Democrats, and he shows how the unique political skills Lincoln developed in Illinois shaped his wartime leadership.
67. **Harris, William C. WITH CHARITY FOR ALL: LINCOLN AND THE RESTORATION OF THE UNION. Lexington: 1997. 336p., illus.** In this comprehensive examination Harris maintains that Lincoln held a relatively conservative vision of the restoration process, examines the reasoning and ideology that lay behind Lincoln's policies, and evaluates Lincoln's successes and failures in bringing restoration efforts to closure.

68. Herndon, William H., & Weik, Jesse W. [A] **HERNDON'S LINCOLN: THE TRUE STORY OF A GREAT LIFE; THE HISTORY AND PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN.** Chicago: 1889. 3 vols., 638p., fts., plates. (B) **ABRAHAM LINCOLN: THE TRUE STORY OF A GREAT LIFE.** New York: 1892. 2 vols. (331p.; 348p.). (C) **HERNDON'S LIFE OF LINCOLN.** New York: 1930. 1 vol. ed., 511p., Introduction by Paul Angle. (D) Wilson, Douglas L., and Davis, Rodney O., eds. **HERNDON'S LINCOLN.** Urbana and Chicago: 2006. 481p., illus. Done in association with the Lincoln Bicentennial Commission. Herndon was Lincoln's law partner and this remains an essential source for the lawyer Lincoln's "growth" years, telling much of his personal habits and tastes from 1837 to 1860. The 1892 edition contains material not found in the original, including much on the 1858 Illinois campaign and an informative appendix.
69. Hertz, Emmanuel. **LINCOLN TALKS: A BIOGRAPHY IN ANECDOTE.** New York: 1939. 698p., ft. A useful, reliable, and readable collection of stories organized by topic.
70. Hesseltine, William B. **LINCOLN AND THE WAR GOVERNORS.** New York: 1948. 405p. An authoritative study of Lincoln's relationship with state executives.
71. Hirsch, David, and Van Haften, Dan. **LINCOLN AND THE STRUCTURE OF REASON.** New York and El Dorado Hills, CA: 2010. 439p., tables, diagrams. Persuasively argues that it was Lincoln's study of geometry that gave him his verbal structure, and that he embedded the ancient structure of geometric proof into the Gettysburg Address, the Cooper Union speech, both Inaugurals, and his legal practice.
72. Holzer, Harold. **EMANCIPATING LINCOLN: THE PROCLAMATION IN TEXT, CONTEXT, AND MEMORY.** Cambridge & London: 2012. 213p., illus. Examines the impact of Lincoln's momentous announcement at the moment of its creation, and then as its meaning has changed over time.
73. Holzer, Harold. **LINCOLN AND THE POWER OF THE PRESS: THE WAR FOR PUBLIC OPINION.** New York: 2014. 733p., illus. Lincoln's relationships with the press, both as a reader and a master of its potential to persuade and manage, shows how he employed the nation's newspapers, managed their owners, and used their growing power to steer the issues of his day as well as his own political career.
74. Holzer, Harold. **LINCOLN AT COOPER UNION: THE SPEECH THAT MADE ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENT.** New York: 2004. 338p., illus. Delivered in New York in February 1860, Lincoln's Cooper Union speech, which he later said made him President, dispelled doubts about his suitability for that office. Holzer presents Lincoln's speech as a masterly combination of scholarship, a brief for equality and democracy, a ringing warning to secessionists, and a rallying cry for the country and the Republican Party.
75. Holzer, Harold. **LINCOLN: PRESIDENT ELECT – ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND THE GREAT SECESSION WINTER, 1860 – 1861.** New York: 2008. 623p., ft., illus. One of our most eminent Lincoln scholars examines the four critical months between Lincoln's election and inauguration.
76. Holzer, Harold; Boritt, Gabor S.; & Neely, Mark E. **THE LINCOLN IMAGE: ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND THE POPULAR PRINT.** New York: 1984. 250p., illus. Focusing on prints produced in Lincoln's lifetime and in the iconographically important months immediately following his death, three well-known Lincoln experts document the efforts of popular printmakers to make Lincoln's face recognizable in an era which lacked modern media exposure methods.
77. Holzer, Harold, ed. **LINCOLN AS I KNEW HIM: GOSSIP, TRIBUTES, AND REVELATIONS FROM HIS BEST FRIENDS AND WORST ENEMIES.** Chapel Hill: 1999. 352p. Noted Lincoln scholar Harold Holzer sifted through letters, diary entries, books, and speeches written by those, famous and unknown, who actually met Lincoln, and offers up an intimate look at a man who was a terrible dresser, loved raunchy stories, and let his kids run all over him.
78. Holzer, Harold, ed. **THE LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATES: THE FIRST COMPLETE, UNEXPURGATED TEXT.** New York: 1993. 394p., illus. A terrific reference; well edited, with a valuable introduction.
79. Hyman, Harold M. **A MORE PERFECT UNION: THE IMPACT OF CIVIL WAR AND RECONSTRUCTION ON THE CONSTITUTION.** New York: 1973. 562p. An outstanding survey of the legal aspects of the conflict, and how Lincoln, who believed the Constitution sacred, used it to the upper limits to prosecute the war.
80. Jaffa, Harry V. **CRISIS OF THE HOUSE DIVIDED: AN INTERPRETATION OF THE ISSUES IN THE LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATES.** Garden City, NY: 1959. 451p. Perhaps the best book written on the debates.
81. Jaffa, Harry V. **A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM: ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND THE COMING OF THE CIVIL WAR.** Lanham, MD: 2000. 549p. The culmination of nearly a half-century of study and reflection by one of the foremost scholars of American history and politics. Jaffa skillfully illuminates Lincoln's understanding of the concepts of self-government, equality, and statesmanship, and he offers penetrating insights into Lincoln's refutation of the political philosophy and constitutional interpretations of the southern secessionists.

82. **Johannsen, Robert W. LINCOLN, THE SOUTH, AND SLAVERY: THE POLITICAL DIMENSION.** Baton Rouge and London: 1991. 144p. An astute analytical study which traces the political dimension of Lincoln's antislavery stance as it evolved from the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Act in 1854 to his election as President in 1860, showing Lincoln becoming increasingly antislavery and anti-Southern in response to the demands of politics.
83. **Johnson, Martin P. WRITING THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS.** Lawrence: 2013. 322p., illus. Shows how Lincoln first started his most famous speech, the state of the document Lincoln brought to Gettysburg, the origin of the story that Lincoln wrote his speech on the train, the identity of the manuscript Lincoln held while speaking, and what Lincoln's audience actually heard him say.
84. **Kauffman, Michael W. AMERICAN BRUTUS: JOHN WILKES BOOTH AND THE LINCOLN CONSPIRACIES.** New York: 2004. 508p., illus. The definitive biography of the assassin.
85. **Keckley, Elizabeth. BEHIND THE SCENES: OR, THIRTY YEARS A SLAVE, AND FOUR YEARS IN THE WHITE HOUSE.** New York: 1868. 371p., ft. A classic reminiscence by Mrs. Lincoln's dressmaker.
86. **Kerner, Fred, ed. A TREASURY OF LINCOLN QUOTATIONS.** [A] New York: 1965. 320p. [B] Chicago: 1996. Paperback, with new Introduction by Harold Holzer. The quintessential Abraham Lincoln quotation book, one that allows "Lincoln to speak to us 'more eloquently than his interpreters.'...Cogently assembled, carefully indexed...and purely enjoyable." --- Holzer.
87. **Kincaid, Robert L. JOSHUA FRY SPEED: LINCOLN'S MOST INTIMATE FRIEND.** Harrogate, TN: 1943. 250 copies, 70p., illus. A fine biography, including the fascinating letters written by Lincoln to his closest friend.
88. **Kunhardt, Dorothy Meserve, and Kunhardt, Philip B., Jr. TWENTY DAYS.** New York: 312p., illus. This beautiful book, containing more than 300 illustrations, tells the moving story of twenty fateful days in America's history: from the night of April 14, 1865, when Abraham Lincoln was shot, to the afternoon of his burial in Springfield.
89. **Kushner, Tony. LINCOLN: THE SCREENPLAY.** New York: 2012. 164p., illus. Based in part on Doris Kearns Goodwin's *Team of Rivals* (see above) and directed by Steven Spielberg, *Lincoln* focused on the President's final months in office and his determination to pass the 13th Amendment. These are the words that helped Daniel Day-Lewis win Best Actor.
90. **Leech, Margaret. REVEILLE IN WASHINGTON, 1860-1865.** New York: 1941. 438p., illus. The Pulitzer Prize-winning work of history, written like a novel, tells the story of the capital during the Civil War.
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