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This illustrated biography of the 16th president of the United States was originally a companion volume to a historic television documentary. It includes recreated images of Lincoln and his contemporaries from photographs, daguerreotypes, prints and cartoons of the day.

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Jim B says

A must read! It contains every known picture of Lincoln, and many of the people around him. The authors are descendants of Frederick Hill Meserve, who was the first American collector of photography and his specialty was Lincoln.

The book is so detailed that it covers his presidency by devoting two pages to every month he was in office. It gave insight into the development of Lincoln's views on the reason for the war, slavery, and his incredible compassion and wisdom about people. The description of Lincoln's evolving view of African Americans humanizes him -- and then you see him surpass typical human perceptions on the topic!

Peregrine 12 says

The photographs are incredible. The US history displayed here makes me wonder how anyone could have survived it all, much less gone on to forge a new kind of nation. This book is a must-have for fans of Lincoln-era stuff.

Cindy says

Fascinating stories about one of our favorite presidents. I loved learning about his life as a boy, and also about his relationship with Mary Todd. After reading this book, I respect Mr. Lincoln even more! Did you know Thanksgiving was his idea? As was paper currency! Well done, sir!

Sande says

The Kunhardt family are just classy. Their long study of Abraham Lincoln and his world capped by their creativity result in great books. An example: On one page are photos of the 14 people who declined the invitation to attend Ford's Theater with President and Mrs. Lincoln on April 14, 1865. Great visual feast.

Doris Raines says

A. Great. Man. A. Great. Book. And. Story. Thanks. Doris.

Lindsay says

Our entire family, ages 6 to 37, really liked this book. The photos are mesmerizing, and the accompanying text, when you can tear your eyes away from the photos to read it, is well-written and informative.

Ann Otto says

This 1992 coffee table-sized book is a companion volume to an ABC documentary of that time. It's based on the largest collection of Lincoln photos and materials owned by the Kunhardt family. The over 700 illustrations document Lincoln throughout his political career and include a month by month summary of the war years through his funeral with some additional information about the Lincoln family afterwards. The details of history and the seldom seen photos make this a must for any reader interested in Lincoln, his associates, and the Civil War period.

R.Friend says

As an avid Lincoln reader, I was *thrilled* when this \$50 edition showed up at Tower Records (R.I.P.) for \$12.99. I knew there was a reason I kept putting off buying it at full price... It remains one of my all-time faves.

Linda Appelbaum says

Although a short book, it is full of details about Lincoln and somehow I feel now like I really know and understand the man. He was so compassionate and a far better person than I knew before reading the book. Not affiliated with any church, he was a better man than many who claim to be religious and devout. I would encourage anyone curious about Lincoln to read this book.

Firefly says

Until I was in my late 20's, I did not know my second oldest brother very well. About that time, however, circumstances in life brought us together and we found that we shared a deep and abiding love of books. He moved to Denver in 1992 from Los Angeles and every time I was there visiting we would go to The Tattered Cover together, a wonderful multi-story bookstore in Denver. We would spend ours there together, but separately and bump into each other from time to time as our browsing paths crossed. One year he bought this book for me because he saw that I loved it and knew I could not afford to buy it myself. It is a wonderful photographic book about President Lincoln, which I always have out on a table. The book reminds me not only of a great president who I admire, but also of a special bond I have with my brother. All the more special because we discovered it later in our lives and it formed the basis of a true friendship between us.

Eric says

An adequate biography, I listened to it on a road trip in lieu of Doris Kearns Goodwin's "Team of Rivals,"

which was not available. A good basic story of our greatest President. Good and still very inspirational.

Jessica says

at Ft Rich library

Tracey says

audio version--since you miss all of the photographs and illustrations, this seems really short (4 hours) and probably would not satisfy any Lincoln buffs, but was interesting enough to listen to.

Kristen says

I read this book because at my mom's house, Lincoln books are one of the only options you have. That or Nancy Drew; I took the high road on this one. I was surprised at how much I learned and enjoyed as I read this book.

Cheryl says

While not the best written Lincoln biography I've read, this book is worth the reading for the fabulous photo collection of Kunhardt's grandfather, Frederick Meserve.
