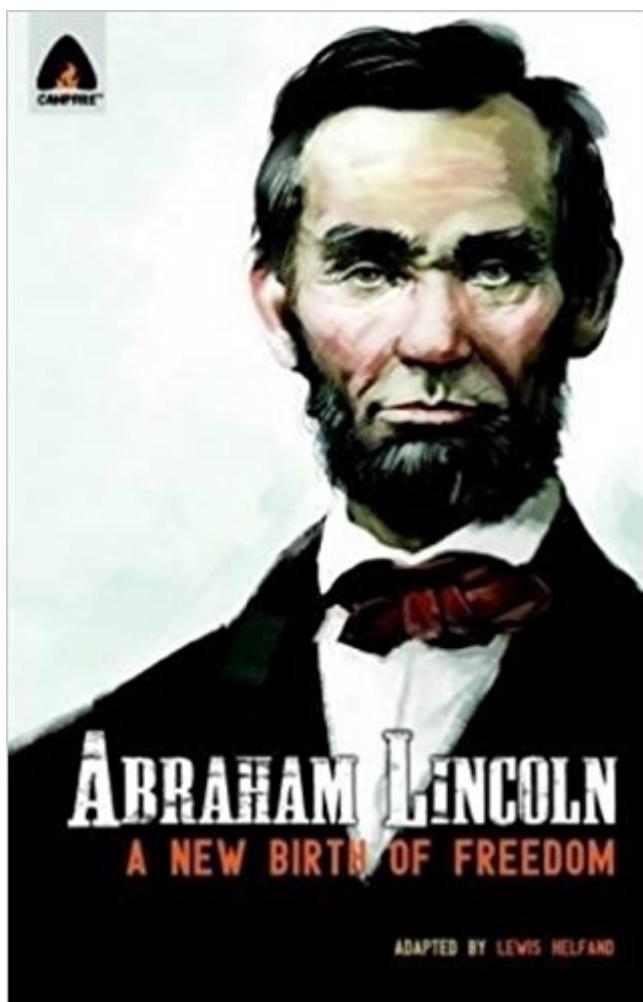


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# Abraham Lincoln: From The Log Cabin To The White House: Campfire Heroes Line (Campfire Graphic Novels)



## **Synopsis**

One of the most courageous and esteemed presidents of the United States of America, Abraham Lincoln is known mainly for abolishing slavery and his leadership during the Civil War. He grew up in a single-room log cabin on the Sinking Spring Farm in Hardin County, Kentucky. His mother died when he was nine, and his relationship with his father was often strained. He had an insatiable desire to learn, which his stepmother nurtured by encouraging young Abe to read. Though he had only a year of formal education, he could read any book he got his hands on. Lincoln was admitted to the Illinois bar in 1836, and later became a congressman for the same state. He served as president from March 1861 until his assassination at the hands of John Wilkes Booth in 1864. This book tells the story of a young boy who grew up to become one of the most important leaders in American history.

## **Book Information**

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Gr 6-9-Framed as the president relaying his biography to his young son Tad, this comic refreshingly covers Lincoln's early frontier life as well as his presidency. That said, it treats his administration in a skewed way, presenting slavery not just as the primary issue of the day, but also as the only issue Lincoln faced during his term. Historians might take issue with that, and it might be a good idea to use this graphic novel in tandem with more historically accurate sources. Still, the facts and appended trivia present information that not everyone with a passing familiarity with Lincoln may know. The effort to humanize him by recounting his story alongside tragic family events, including

the death of three of his four children before they reached the age of 20, is interesting. The art isn't much help, as many of the figure sketches and bland coloring seem rushed and possibly incomplete. This graphic novel does very little to modernize Lincoln's life for a contemporary audience.-Ryan P. Donovan, New York Public LibraryÂ © Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

"I highly recommendÂ CampfireÂ 's comics. They do what they are intended to do and do it inÂ a way that excites kids about classic literature."Â •Â Chris Wilson,Â The Graphic ClassroomÂ (a resource for teachers and librarians)

This Campfire Heroes Series graphic biography tells the story of Abraham Lincoln, who famously rose from a humble birth in a Kentucky log cabin to become President of the United States. The narrative is provided by author Lewis Helfand; Manikandan did the illustrations. Abraham Lincoln grew up on the American frontier under very humble circumstances. As the story tells it, he was blessed with remarkable intelligence and a stepmother who encouraged him to learn. His work ethic, honesty, and ambition enabled him to overcome poverty and to survive the loss of family members and loved ones. An early hatred of slavery is shown as driving Lincoln's political ambitions. He would become president just as the young United States fell into a terrible civil war over that very issue. Lincoln would lead the nation through perhaps its darkest hours to the end of the Civil War and the adoption of the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, ending slavery in these United States. The dramatic narrative provides surprising good detail on Lincoln's youth and early adulthood. However, the story of Lincoln's mature years is simplistically focused on the issue of slavery, to the detriment of Lincoln's political skills and achievements as a wartime president. The quality of the artwork is unfortunately a little erratic, while the depiction of the Civil War is not particularly accurate. "Abraham Lincoln From the Log Cabin to the White House" is suitable for an elementary school readership, and recommended to that audience.

I'm using this graphic novel for my 13 year old to supplement our trips to Gettysburg and Antietam. It's informative, interesting for kids and adults and illustrated beautifully.

This graphic novel is very entertaining as well as informative. The only 'Lincoln era' issue dealt by author (Lewis Helfand) is that of slavery and Lincoln's fight against it. Its sure to be a great quick read for people who would like to know about Lincoln, the man before exploring him further in one of

numerous books on him. The sketching by Manikandan (from a southern state of India) is praiseworthy. Overall, I would say - Highly recommended!

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