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FIFTY IMPORTANT LINCOLN BOOKS

The inquiry most often received by The Lincoln National Life Foundation is with respect to the selection of books which might serve as a nucleus for a Lincoln library. In preparing the following lists, undoubtedly there have been omitted publications more deserving of recognition than many of those which are named.

The first twenty-five books mentioned present a fairly complete story of Lincoln's life and form the basis of a good private library. The second selection of twenty-five books designates volumes which are valuable for reference by collectors and students of Lincoln. It is to be regretted that some of the books in this latter list were printed in limited editions and are rather difficult to acquire.

SUGGESTIONS FOR PRIVATE LINCOLN LIBRARY

Biographies Covering Lincoln's Entire Life
Nicolay, John J. and John Hay. *Abraham Lincoln, A History*. Century Co.

A ten-volume edition by the private secretaries of Abraham Lincoln. The most comprehensive work to date.

Tarbell, Ida M. *The Life of Abraham Lincoln* (2 vol.). MacMillan Co.

Still one of the most dependable complete lives of Lincoln. Based on much original research by the author.

Herndon, William. *Herndon's Life of Lincoln*. Albert & Charles Boni.

The original three-volume work by Lincoln's last law partner now available in one volume.

Charnwood, Lord. *Abraham Lincoln*. Henry Holt & Co.

This biography by an English author is considered the most scholarly work on Lincoln.

Biographies Restricted to Certain Periods of Lincoln's Life

Warren, Louis A. *Lincoln's Parentage and Childhood*. Century Co.

The recognized source book on Lincoln's early years.

Thomas, Benjamin P. *Lincoln's New Salem*. Lakeside Press.

An authentic work on Lincoln's life at New Salem.

Beveridge, Albert J. *Abraham Lincoln*. Houghton Mifflin Co.

This monumental work, due to the death of the author, stops abruptly in the midst of the Lincoln-Douglas debates.

Sandburg, Carl. *Abraham Lincoln, The Prairie Years*. Harcourt Brace & Co.

The most readable of all the Lincoln biographies. Closes with Lincoln departing for Washington in 1861.

Barton, William E. *President Lincoln*. Bobbs-Merrill Co.

A biography dealing with the presidential years.

Books Developing Important Phases of Lincoln's Life

Ballard, Colin R. *The Military Genius of Abraham Lincoln*. Oxford University Press.

An army officer's appraisal of Lincoln as a military man.

Dodge, Daniel Kilham. *Abraham Lincoln, Master of Words*. D. Appleton & Co.

A review of the literary ability of Lincoln.

Hill, John Wesley. *Abraham Lincoln, Man of God*. G. P. Putnam Sons.

A stirring inspirational study of Lincoln's religious experience.

Hill, Frederick Trevor. *Lincoln the Lawyer*. Century Co.

Lincoln's legal accomplishments set forth. Macartney, Clarence E. *Lincoln and His Cabinet*. Chas. Scribner's Sons & Co.

A study of Lincoln's dealings with his administrative body.

Rothschild, Alonzo. *Lincoln, Master of Men. A Study in Character*. Houghton Mifflin Co.

This book highly praised by Robert Lincoln.

Shaw, Albert. (1) *His Path to the Presidency*. (2) *The Year of His Election*. Review of Reviews Co.

An excellent account of Lincoln's progress as a political leader, profusely illustrated.

Townsend, William H. *Lincoln and Liquor*. Press of the Pioneers.

The most complete discussion of Lincoln's attitude towards the liquor question.

Fiction and Drama

Brown, Katharine Holland. *The Father*. John Day Co.

Winner of a \$25,000 prize novel contest in 1928.

Morrow, Honore Willis. *Forever Free*. William Morrow Co.

An historical novel of exceptional charm.

Andrews, Mary Raymond Shipman. *The Perfect Tribute*. Scribner's Sons & Co.

A story of Lincoln and Gettysburg.

Drinkwater, John. *Abraham Lincoln, A Play*. Houghton Mifflin Co.

The best-known Lincoln play.

Miscellaneous

Evans, W. A. *Mrs. Abraham Lincoln*. Alfred A. Kopf.

A scholarly study of Mrs. Lincoln and her family.

Rice, Allen Thorndike. *Reminiscences of Abraham Lincoln*. Harper Bros.

A collection of reminiscences by distinguished men of Lincoln's time.

Whipple, Wayne. *The Story Life of Lincoln*. John C. Winston Co.

The most exhaustive collection of stories by and about Lincoln.

Whitney, Henry C. *Life on the Circuit with Lincoln*. Estes & Laureat.

A series of interesting sketches by a close friend of Abraham Lincoln.

REFERENCE BOOKS FOR STUDENTS AND COLLECTORS

Genealogy

Lea, J. Henry. *The Ancestry of Abraham Lincoln*. Houghton Mifflin Co.

Especially valuable for its English background.

Lincoln, Waldo. *History of the Lincoln Family*. Commonwealth Press.

A most complete genealogy of the Lincoln family in America.

Learned, Marion Dexter. *Abraham Lincoln, An American Migration*. William J. Campbell.

Contains reproductions of many early documents relating to members of the Lincoln family.

Barton, W. E. *The Lineage of Lincoln*. Bobbs-Merrill Co.

Special attention given to recent discoveries on both paternal and maternal ancestry.

Lincoln's Writings and Addresses

Nicolay, John G. and John Hay. *Abraham Lincoln, Complete Works*. Century Co.

The most exhaustive collection of Lincoln's own writings and speeches.

Tracy, Gilbert A. *Uncollected Letters of Abraham Lincoln*. Houghton Mifflin Co.

The first printed supplement to the Nicolay and Hay compilation listed above.

Angle, Paul M. *New Letters and Papers of Lincoln*. Houghton Mifflin Co.

Important original data not appearing in Nicolay and Hay or Tracy.

Hertz, Emanuel. *Abraham Lincoln, A New Portrait* (Vol. 2). Horace Liveright, Inc.

A compilation of Lincoln's correspondence and manuscripts, most of them unpublished in the foregoing works.

Bibliographies of Lincoln Publications

Fish, Daniel. *Lincoln Bibliography*. Francis H. Tandy Co.

Contains list of Lincoln books published up to year 1906.

Oakleaf, Benjamin. *Lincoln Bibliography*. The Torch Press.

Includes books overlooked by Fish and those published between 1906 and 1926.

Check Lists of Lincoln in Art

Meserve, Frederick Hill. *The Photographs of Abraham Lincoln*. A. Kimball & Co.

Reproductions of one hundred original photographs of Abraham Lincoln.

Truesdell, Winfred Porter. *Engraved and Lithographed Portraits of Abraham Lincoln* (Vol. 2). Troutdale Press.

First published check list of Lincoln reproductions. Other volumes to follow.

Mead, Franklin B. *Heroic Statues in Bronze of Abraham Lincoln*. The Lakeside Press.

All of the fifty-four Lincoln bronze statues listed with biographical sketches of the sculptors and photographic reproductions of their Lincoln studies.

Compilations of Tributes, Poems, and Stories

MacChesney, Nathan William. *Abraham Lincoln, The Tribute of a Century*. A. G. McClure & Co.

Contains the principal speeches made in connection with the Lincoln Centennial, 1909.

Williams, A. Dallas. *The Praise of Lincoln*. Bobbs-Merrill Co.

An anthology of 150 Lincoln poems.

McClure, Alexander K. *Lincoln's Yarns and Stories*. John C. Winston Co.

A compilation of stories said to have been told by Lincoln.

Juvenile

Tarbell, Ida M. *Boy Scout's Life of Lincoln*. MacMillan Co.

A complete life of Lincoln for young people.

Stevenson, Augustus. *Abe Lincoln, Frontier Boy*. Bobbs-Merrill Co.

Stories about Lincoln which small children can read.

Sanford, A. P. *Lincoln Plays*. Dodd, Meade & Co.

Twelve short plays for school and amateur productions.

Shauffer, Robert Haven. *Lincoln's Birthday*. Moffat, Yard & Co.

A collection of prose and poetry especially adapted to school use.

Miscellaneous

Angle, Paul M. *Lincoln 1854-1861*. Abraham Lincoln Association.

A day by day account of Lincoln's activities from 1854 to 1861 inclusive.

Sparks, Edwin Erle. *The Lincoln-Douglas Debates*. Illinois State Historical Society.

The most complete edition of the debates.

Barton, William E. *Lincoln at Gettysburg*. Bobbs-Merrill Co.

The most exhaustive study of what was said and done at Gettysburg.

Stevenson, Nathaniel Wright. *An Autobiography of Abraham Lincoln*. Bobbs-Merrill Co.

Writings and sayings of Lincoln arranged in chronological order.

Holmes, Fred L. *Abraham Lincoln Traveled This Way*. L. C. Page & Co.

A book describing the places Lincoln visited and the memorials erected to him.