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THE LINCOLN BOOK CROP FOR 1943

Approximately the same number of cloth bound books on Abraham Lincoln have been published in 1943 as came from the press in 1942. Four of the books were limited editions, not exceeding 500 copies. Two of these titles treated the assassination of Lincoln. Five of the books contained less than a hundred pages, while four larger publications carried about 400 pages.

In the field of reprinted Lincoln books for 1943, the following titles have been noted, some of them with formats changed to meet the shortage in paper; Boyd, *The Sorrows of Nancy*, Barton, *Life of Lincoln* (2 vols, in one), Herndon's *Life of Lincoln*, Lang, *The Wit and Wisdom of Abraham Lincoln*, Nicolay, *The Boy's Life of Abraham Lincoln*, Sandburg, *Storm Over the Land* (Eng. ed.), Van Doren, *The Literary Works of Abraham Lincoln*.

The number of Lincoln brochures and pamphlets published in 1943 was far below the 1942 total, partially accounted for by the bringing to the conclusion of the Wall series of etchings which has contributed a dozen numbers a year for several years, and also the cessation of *Lincoln Kinsman* for the duration which totaled a dozen separate monographs for the twelve months.

A brief reference to the new, cloth bound books follows, arranged alphabetically by subject contents. The limited space in a single edition of *Lincoln Lore* will not permit even a brief review of each one of the new cloth bound books for the year. There is just space enough for a brief comment about the contents of each volume, with no attempt, whatever, to pass judgment on the relative value of the publications. The general subject matter in the books is indicated by descriptive words which are arranged alphabetically.

ASSASSINATION—Arnold, Samuel Bland—*Defense and Prison Experience of a Lincoln Conspirator*, 133 pp.

An edition limited to 199 copies. Contains a deposition made by Arnold in December 1867, and also the reminiscences of Arnold written thirty-five years later.

ASSASSINATION—Campbell, Helen Jones—*The Case for Mrs. Surratt*, 272 pp.

Another chapter in the large volume of assassination history attempting to prove Mrs. Surratt was a victim of American military dictatorship.

ASSASSINATION—Eisenschiml, Otto—*The Case of A. L. —Aged 56*, 55 pp.

Edition limited to 500 copies, reviewing "some curious medical aspects of Lincoln's death."

ASSOCIATES—Kincaid, Robert L.—*Joshua Fry Speed, Lincoln's Most Intimate Friend*, 70 pp.

Another limited edition of 225 copies. A biographical sketch of Lincoln's closest Springfield associate, also containing copies of letters written by Lincoln to Speed.

CRITICISM — Cardiff, Ira D.—*Deification of Lincoln*, 89 pp.

A compilation of excerpts from various sources with special emphasis placed on the alleged agnosticism of Abraham Lincoln.

FICTION—Colver, Anne—*Mr. Lincoln's Wife*, 406 pp.

Although called "a novel of marriage," it is in reality a historical presentation, in the main, with the text following rather closely the historical narrative.

FINANCE—Pratt, Harry E.—*The Personal Finances of Abraham Lincoln*, 198 pp.

Rightly called "the first detailed, completely authentic account of Lincoln's personal finances."

GENEALOGY—Herr, John—*In Defense of the Lincoln Family*, 250 pp.

Field notes of a Lincoln tourist containing excerpts from existing records and reports of personal interviews.

HISTORY—Shutes, Milton H.—*Lincoln and California*, 269 pp.

A discussion designed "to present the many chords which bound the man and the state together."

ILLUSTRATIONS—Daugherty, James — *Abraham Lincoln*, 216 pp.

A book on Lincoln "seen through the clear eyes of an artist and poet . . . containing pictures and words of a driving vitality."

ILLUSTRATIONS — Wall, Bernhardt—*Following Abraham Lincoln*, 415 pp.

Containing an exhaustive collection of illustrative material portraying the buildings in which he lived, visited, worked, and addressed the public.

POETRY—Clark, Thomas Curtis—*Lincoln—Fifty Poems*, 53 pp.

Still another limited autographed book. This one is limited to 488 copies. Poems written with a religious fervor.

POETRY—McNamar, Myrtle—*Gentle Ann*, 95 pp.

"The story of Abraham Lincoln's first love affair in metrical form," by the wife of a grandson of John McNamar, a member of the triangle in the traditional episode.

POLITICAL—Carman, Harry J. and Luthin, Reinhard H.—*Lincoln and the Patronage*, 375 pp.

A book of joint authorship which is dedicated to the task of exhausting available information on one interesting phase of the Lincoln story.

RELIGION—Taggart, D. Raymond—*The Faith of Abraham Lincoln*, 411 pp.

A compilation of several monographs on Lincoln's religion. Originally prepared for a magazine with some additional observations.

SCIENCE—Petersen, William F.—*Lincoln-Douglas, The Weather as Destiny*, 211 pp.

The author states, "This book shall deal with very simple and elemental environmental forces that affect the life of man . . . Lincoln suits my purpose for this study."

WORKS — Williams, T. Harry—*Selected Writings and Speeches of Abraham Lincoln*, 269 pp.

The author states, "I have chosen those writings which illustrate Lincoln's political and social philosophy, and his views on the great issues of his day."