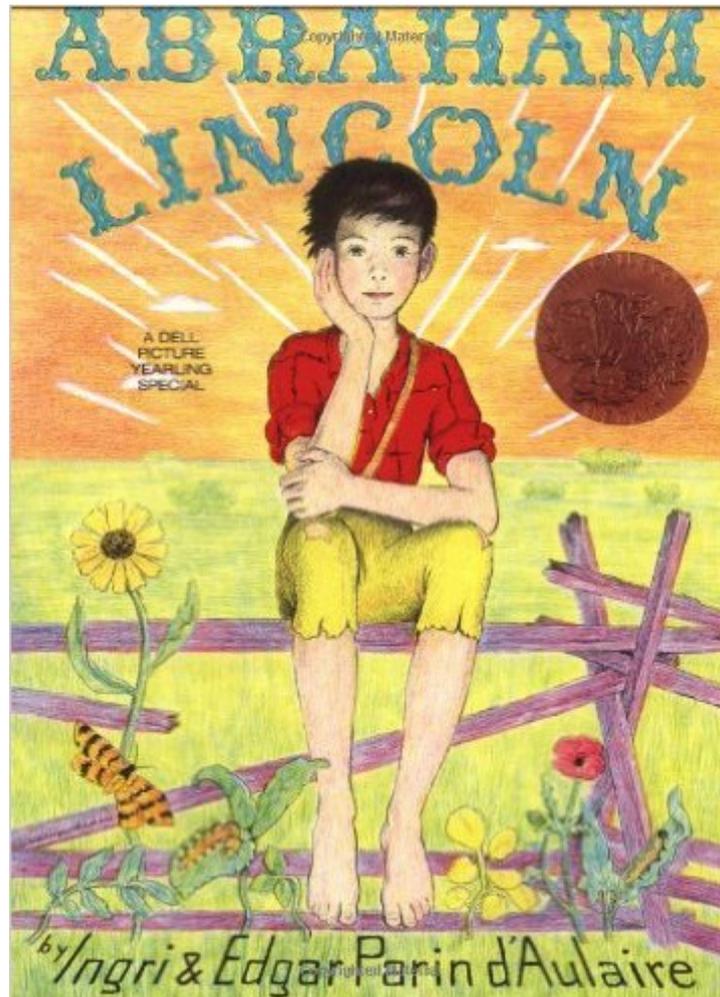


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# Abraham Lincoln (Dell Picture Yearling Special)



## Synopsis

From his humble beginnings in the Kentucky wilderness to the peak of his career as President, this picture biography brings Lincoln to life for first-time readers.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 12 years

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## Customer Reviews

This is a terrific book that should be part of a home library and would be enjoyed by children of multiple levels. This is definitely a more extensive history than that of many "children's" books. The omission of the end of Lincoln's life may be considered a plus to some parents who are not ready to share that part or a disappointment to those who desire a more complete biography. It's unfortunate that the negative reviewer suffers from the "politically correct" and "revisionist" history taught in modern times.

This is a children's book about the life of Abraham Lincoln. First written and illustrated in 1939, it was expanded in 1957. Most of the book focuses on Lincoln's early life. The illustrations resulted in the book being awarded the 1940 Caldecott Medal for best illustrations in a children's book. It is a book that helps children learn more about U.S. history and a great president. It is also a book that should be on the shelf of any serious student of children literature.

After reading comments by another reader on the dated, and possibly offensive, depictions of African-Americans and Native Americans, I reread this book, a childhood favorite of mine. I do think the reader has a valid point and I discussed them with the mother of the child to whom I planned to give the book. After this discussion, we decided that it was okay for me to send the book. Some of the drawings of African-Americans are caricatures and offensive to me. My decision in which the child's mother concurred, was that given the parents' inclusive values they could help to place these drawings in their historical context. Also, this book is only one of numerous resources from which the child is learning about Abraham Lincoln. I still like the book very much. I have remembered a few of the illustrations since the book was read to me when I was six years old. I especially like the attention the book pays to Sarah Bush Lincoln, Lincoln's stepmother, who played an important role in his childhood.

I'm reading this book with my daughter as part of her U.S. History lessons (she's 5) and she really enjoys it. I like the book, I think it's well written for younger children... The only things I take exception with are: a) the use of the word "Negro," and b) the way that Black people are drawn caricature-esque in the book. I understand that the word is "appropriate" considering the time that it was written, and I'm familiar with the way that African Americans have been depicted in mainstream art and culture through the years, so I'm not SURPRISED, but I think it is worth noting.

For its printing in 1939, this was an okay book, I think. It certainly supports that "anyone can become president" ideal we really need to return to. The book focuses about half of its pages on Lincoln pre-presidency, and most of those speak of Lincoln's desire to read and learn, which is a good message for kids. The rest, his presidency, shows the deep conflicts surrounding the Civil War, and Lincoln's efforts to avoid fighting while also freeing the slaves. I imagine that makes the book a bit less-than-loved in the South.... The art is...okay. It deserved its 1930s Caldecott win, with its full-page, multi-color illustrations, but in the modern day, it's very awkward and bland. Not something that would even be in the running now. Overall, I'd say this only really has a place in an academic library, and one for Library Sciences. It's not really going to be appreciated by most modern audiences, and, by now, there are plenty of better biographies of Lincoln to show your kids. Though if you can find a copy, by all means, buy it. You might be making a good find for sale to a rare book dealer.

This famous book on Abraham Lincoln (emphasizing his growing up) by the great children's book

authors, the d'Aulaires, is as fresh as ever. A sparkling cover. Fascinating and charming illustrations, based on their own visit to the locations. Clear, absorbing text. Deserves it's fame. A wonderful introduction. Great fun.

Would recommend this book highly. Very informative and a great read. Artwork is beautiful. Shares a lot of insight about Abraham's younger years and the journey to the White House. GREAT BOOK!

This famous little book on Abraham Lincoln's incredible historic life is a must for children and their parents and grandparents too! The unbelievable illustrations show elegance, beauty and true inspiration. I can see why this book won the 1940 Caldecott Medal for illustrations. Introduce your children to American History with this classic book!

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