

## The Story of Abraham Lincoln

By Mary A. Hamilton

In this biography for young adults, Mary A. Hamilton gives a British person's perspective on the 16th President of the United States. A glowing tribute to "Honest Abe," the author traces Lincoln's ancestral roots and recounts his birth in Kentucky, his youth in Indiana, his adult life in Illinois and his years in the White House. She also provides a good background on the causes and course of the American Civil War.

Hamilton is not always historically precise. For example, she erroneously names Jefferson Davis as the Southern Democratic candidate for president running against Lincoln and Douglas in 1860 rather than John C. Breckinridge. However, overall "The Story of Abraham Lincoln" is a good summarization and interesting account of the life, values, and politics of Lincoln.

Cautions: Chapter 7 contains a single use of an epithet for African-Americans in a quotation from a British magazine. Chapter 8 ends with an example of a stereotypical Southern black dialect which many may find offensive. (Summary by John Lieder.)

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