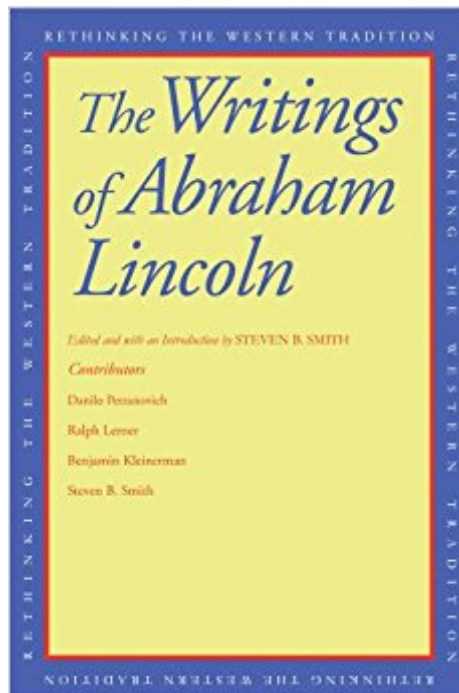




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Synopsis

Abraham Lincoln never wrote a book: his ideas are contained in speeches, letters, and various occasional writings. By bringing these works together into a single anthology, this book shows that Lincoln deserves to be counted among the great political philosophers. In addition to many examples of Lincoln's writings, this volume includes four interpretive essays that will provide an intellectual feast for any reader exploring his complex legacy. Danilo Petranovich looks at Lincoln's conception of the Union and its radically new focus on purging the nation of the problem of slavery. Ralph Lerner reconsiders Lincoln's relation to the American framers and in particular his effort to put the Declaration of Independence on a new foundation. Benjamin Kleinerman examines Lincoln's always controversial views on the scope of executive power during war. And Steven Smith considers the place of religion in Lincoln's political thought through a close reading of his Second Inaugural Address.

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selection of Lincoln writings is first-rate, and the secondary essays are original and thought-provoking. Citizens and students will long note what is published here, and will be grateful to Yale University Press, the editors and to Lincoln! for this volume. William Kristol, Editor, The Weekly Standard (William Kristol 2012-01-06)
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I had posted an earlier review, commenting on the lack of a Table of Contents making this book hard to navigate and, lo and behold, the publisher went and added a Table of Contents. Imagine having all of the writings of this incredible statesman in one place--and for ninety-nine cents! It's amazing. The availability of this kind of content is one of the things that makes the Kindle worth having. Many, many thanks to the publisher for putting these writings together!

If you want to know the true heart of Lincoln, read him yourself. It's all here, from our greatest president.

For anyone truly interested in Lincoln and the times he lived in, this is invaluable. I am thoroughly enjoying reading his correspondence, some of which is funny, clever and always very much to the point. It is a wonderful portrait of our 16th president and it is in his own words. Interesting to note that politically speaking there is nothing really new under the sun. Same politics - similar accusations - different time - some new and different problems, BUT, it is still all politics. Abraham Lincoln was an intelligent gifted man and was meant for the Presidency at that time in our history. Best 99 cents I have ever spent.

This is a great collection of the writings of Abraham Lincoln. I appreciate having them all handy in one location which makes it nice reference-wise. If you enjoy history and are an Abraham Lincoln fan, this is the series for you. Another nice factor is that you may download this for free from [Amazon.com](#) as many of the classics are free. You cannot go wrong. If you are not satisfied with this, you are not out any money. I highly recommend this collection.

This is an incredible source. It shows Lincoln's progression from his humble political beginnings in

1836 to reelected President of the United States in 1865. The reader can really get a sense of Lincoln's political brilliance during the Lincoln/Douglas debates and in the early part of his Administration and his battle of wits and will with Seward. The table of contents makes it easier to find speeches during a specific part of Lincoln's career allowing for easy citing for papers or readings in the classroom.

Being from the great state of Illinois I've always admired and read with delight anything on "Abe." While we don't normally think micro managing is the best leadership style, I believe that this time in our history a micromanager was required and he was an expert at it! He understood the importance of communication and used the telegraph to pull it off.

If you like reading about Lincoln this may be your read. Be warned, much of what is here is political dissertation of the time and as such is very dry. On the other hand his wartime telegrams give insight into a man who wanted to be very much involved in the actions of his troops. I especially enjoyed his dispatchs to General McClellan. His letters and speechs make clear his real feeling on blacks, slavery and the Emancipation Proclamation. All evidence of the real Lincoln.

For 99 cents I have purchased the complete writings of Lincoln, and the copy is mistake free after a few hours of reading. The table of contents is fully interactive and simple to use. It's noteworthy in this age of dodging profit seekers in all and any guises that this type of transaction can still be made. It's great!

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