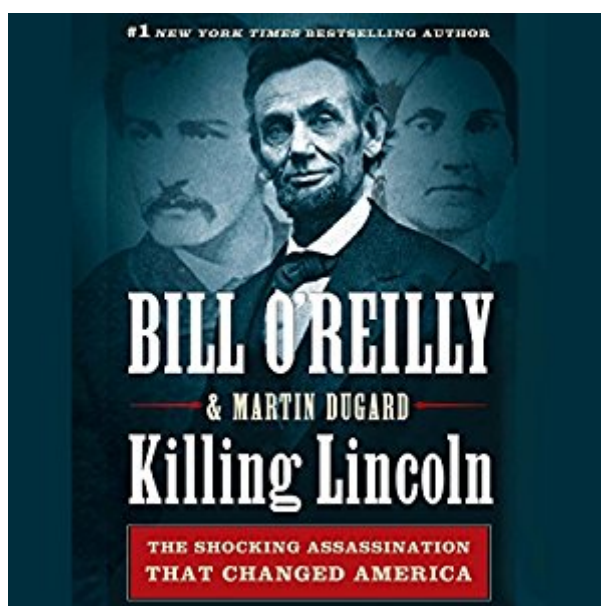


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Killing Lincoln: The Shocking Assassination That Changed America Forever



Synopsis

A riveting historical narrative of the heart-stopping events surrounding the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, and the first work of history from mega best-selling author Bill O'Reilly. The anchor of The O'Reilly Factor recounts one of the most dramatic stories in American history-how one gunshot changed the country forever. In the spring of 1865, the bloody saga of America's Civil War finally comes to an end after a series of increasingly harrowing battles. President Abraham Lincoln's generous terms for Robert E. Lee's surrender are devised to fulfill Lincoln's dream of healing a divided nation, with the former Confederates allowed to reintegrate into American society. But one man and his band of murderous accomplices, perhaps reaching into the highest ranks of the U.S. government, are not appeased. In the midst of the patriotic celebrations in Washington, D.C., John Wilkes Booth-charismatic ladies' man and impenitent racist-murders Abraham Lincoln at Ford's Theatre. A furious manhunt ensues and Booth immediately becomes the country's most wanted fugitive. Lafayette C. Baker, a smart but shifty New York detective and former Union spy, unravels the string of clues leading to Booth, while federal forces track his accomplices. The thrilling chase ends in a fiery shootout and a series of court-ordered executions-including that of the first woman ever executed by the U.S. government, Mary Surratt. Featuring some of history's most remarkable figures, vivid detail, and page-turning action, Killing Lincoln is history that reads like a thriller.

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Customer Reviews

I came away disappointed in this book because I felt that, given the volume of research material

available, the authors could have provided much more of a backstory to the issues that motivate men like Booth to be driven to achieve such an ignominious act. I understand the probable motivation to "keep it simple" derives from the desire to maximize the reading audience as well as to attract young people to history, but challenging the reader with opportunities to do further research on their own on such a controversial series of events may have created future history teachers and/or deep thinkers in the process. Additionally, I felt that the authors could have provided more insight to why/how it came to be that not much of the backstory behind the "plot" details made it's way into the reader of general knowledge until only recently, and not into the history books at all.

The storytelling is gripping...a real page turner. It is a great way to learn the history of the Civil War, Lincoln, and other historical characters.

Bought this for my 9 year old grandson who has a fascination with President Lincoln. He really does not like to read so I thought this might show him that reading can be fun as well as informative. Recommended it to another grandmother for her grandson and he also loved it.. Need more books like this for our children to see the pleasure reading can bring.

Bill O'Reilly hits it out of the park with this book. Makes history interesting and informative.

Well written in a dramatic style, with details I was not previously familiar with. Puts the time period into perspective with a balance approach to the subject matter.

This book was incredibly written. I love Abraham Lincoln. I learned more from this book than any other I've read. I loved the way O'Reilly wrote it - how he laid it right out -all the information. It answered all my questions and my husband loved it also. I wish I could have known President Lincoln...he's a great man in my eyes.

Great book. I found it very interesting. Learned a lot about Lincoln and the works of government in that time frame. I have bought several of his books. Love them.

This was a gift to a child. I read "Killing Lincoln," and thought it was great. So far the feedback from the recipient is favorable.

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