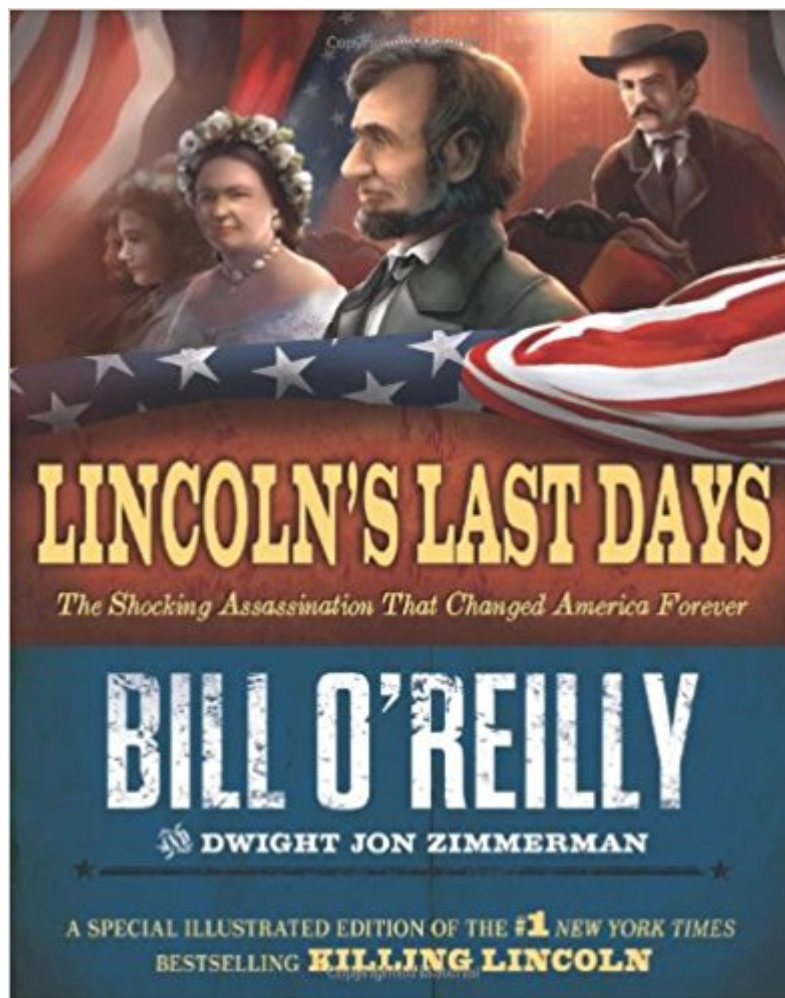




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Lincoln's Last Days: The Shocking Assassination That Changed America Forever



Synopsis

Lincoln's Last Days is a gripping account of one of the most dramatic nights in American history of how one gunshot changed the country forever. Adapted from Bill O'Reilly's bestselling historical thriller, Killing Lincoln, this book will have young readers and grown-ups too hooked on history. In the spring of 1865, President Abraham Lincoln travels through Washington, D.C., after finally winning America's bloody Civil War. In the midst of celebrations, Lincoln is assassinated at Ford's Theatre by a famous actor named John Wilkes Booth. What follows is a thrilling chase, ending with a fiery shoot-out and swift justice for the perpetrators. With an unforgettable cast of characters, page-turning action, vivid detail, and art on every spread, Lincoln's Last Days is history that reads like a thriller. This is a very special book, irresistible on its own or as a compelling companion to Killing Lincoln.

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Gr 5-9-This skillfully abridged and adapted edition of O'Reilly's *Killing Lincoln* (Holt, 2011) retains the format of the adult title with brief chapters written in a present tense, "you are there" style. It opens in the often-chaotic closing days of the Civil War, capturing the jubilation following Lee's surrender, the events of Lincoln's last days, and Booth's obsessive hatred of Lincoln and his conspiracy to assassinate him. It then describes the shooting and Lincoln's final hours and death, the manhunt for Booth and his allies, Booth's death, and the speedy trial and execution of his coconspirators. An afterword relates the fates of other important figures, and appendixes include a "Lincoln's World" that provides facts about aspects of the Civil War, time lines, and Lincoln-related Washington, DC, locations. Well-captioned illustrations, which include maps and period photos of the major players and significant locations, appear on almost every page and are both informative and interesting. This thrillerlike adaptation captures the excitement of the Union victory in the Civil War and the shock and horror that quickly followed as the country learned of Lincoln's death and sought revenge on his assassins. The popularity of O'Reilly's adult title will drive interest in this version, but it definitely stands alone and will find an audience among general readers and report writers. *Chasing Lincoln's Killer* (Scholastic, 2009), the YA version of James L. Swanson's adult best-seller, is more narrowly focused on the conspiracy and the massive manhunt for Booth.-Mary Mueller, formerly at Rolla Junior High School, MO (c) Copyright 2011. Library Journals LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

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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