

Lincoln and Kennedy: A Comparative Biography

By Douglas Brinkley



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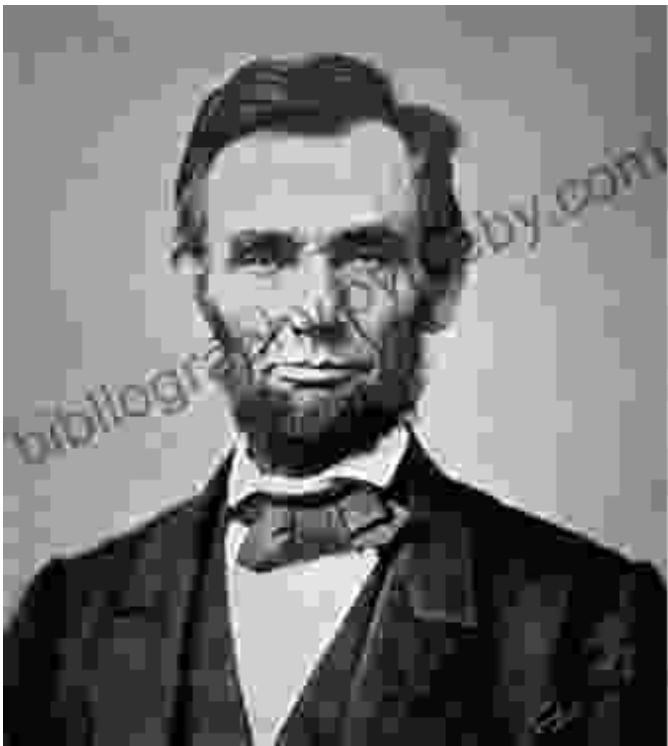
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Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy are two of America's most iconic presidents. Both men were born into humble circumstances, but rose to

become leaders of their country during times of great turmoil. Both men were assassinated while in office, leaving behind a legacy of unfulfilled promise. In his new book, *Lincoln and Kennedy: A Comparative Biography*, historian Douglas Brinkley draws on extensive research to present a nuanced and insightful portrait of these two men, their similarities and differences, and their lasting impact on the nation.

Brinkley begins his book by exploring the early lives of Lincoln and Kennedy. Lincoln was born in a log cabin in Kentucky in 1809, while Kennedy was born to a wealthy family in Massachusetts in 1917. Despite their different backgrounds, both men shared a common experience of poverty and hardship in their youth.

Lincoln's early life was marked by a lack of formal education, but he was a voracious reader and taught himself law. Kennedy, on the other hand, attended some of the best schools in the country and graduated from Harvard University. Despite their different educational backgrounds, both men were brilliant and ambitious.

Lincoln entered politics in the 1830s, serving in the Illinois legislature and the U.S. House of Representatives. Kennedy entered politics in the 1940s, serving in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. Both men were successful politicians, but they had very different styles.

Lincoln was a master of compromise and negotiation, while Kennedy was more of a charismatic leader who inspired others to follow him. Both men were effective leaders, but they achieved their goals in very different ways.

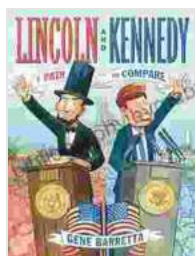
Lincoln's presidency was dominated by the Civil War, which he led the Union to victory. Kennedy's presidency was dominated by the Cold War,

which he helped to manage during a time of great tension between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Both Lincoln and Kennedy were assassinated while in office, leaving behind a legacy of unfulfilled promise. Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth in 1865, just days after the end of the Civil War. Kennedy was shot by Lee Harvey Oswald in 1963, just days before the end of his first term.

The deaths of Lincoln and Kennedy were a tragedy for the nation, but their legacies continue to inspire Americans today. Both men were great leaders who helped to shape the course of American history.

Douglas Brinkley's *Lincoln and Kennedy: A Comparative Biography* is a fascinating and insightful look at the lives and legacies of these two iconic presidents. Brinkley's research is thorough and his writing is clear and engaging. This book is a valuable addition to the literature on American history and presidential history.



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