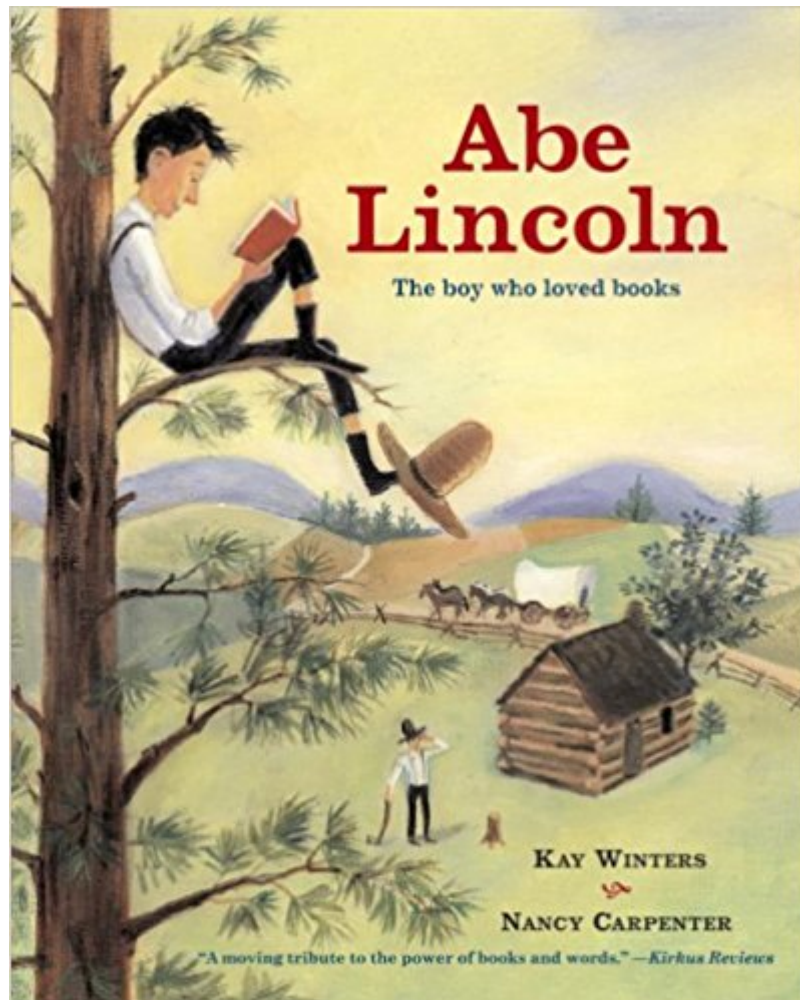




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# Abe Lincoln: The Boy Who Loved Books



## Synopsis

In a tiny log cabin a boy listened with delight to the storytelling of his ma and pa. He traced letters in sand, snow, and dust. He borrowed books and walked miles to bring them back. When he grew up, he became the sixteenth president of the United States. His name was Abraham Lincoln. He loved books. They changed his life. he changed the world.

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## Customer Reviews

Carpenter's (Fannie in the Kitchen) expressive oil paintings lend an appropriately sturdy air to this picture book biography of the 16th president. Winters (Wolf Watch) traces Lincoln's path "from the wilderness to the White House," beginning in the one-room cabin where he first spoke and progressing to his later career as a self-taught lawyer and politician who "aimed his words at wrongs he'd like to right." With an eye for details of particular interest to a young audience (such as the fact that as a boy, Lincoln plowed with a book in his back pocket for reading during frequent breaks), the author highlights the main points of Lincoln's life. Her free-verse narrative takes on a suitably homespun directness ("His ideas stretched./ His questions rose./ His dreams stirred," she writes as young Abe watches people pass by on the Cumberland Trail), a quality echoed in Carpenter's

choice of oils on rough-textured canvas, in a style reminiscent of Grandma Moses's work. Frontier life unfolds in warm earth-toned shades, and the artist sets a brisk pace by interspersing smaller vignettes with full-bleed vistas. The pages bustle with spry figures, including Lincoln himself, a wiry lad with a shock of unruly hair, big ears and highwater pants. An author's note fleshes out more of the important events of Lincoln's life. This fine introduction to a president over whom, from boyhood, "letters cast a magic spell" points up a valuable message-that of the importance of words in shaping ideas and lives. Ages 5-8. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

K-Gr. 2. Using simple language, bare-bones details, and uncluttered illustrations, Winters introduces America's sixteenth president. She recounts events from Lincoln's childhood in Kentucky and Indiana and his young adulthood in New Salem, Illinois. The engaging narrative emphasizes Lincoln's love of books and reading, which flourished despite his lack of formal education. Carpenter's oil-on-canvas illustrations include many details of pioneer life and focus on Lincoln's humble beginnings. An author's note filling in some information omitted from the story is appended. This will be a good choice for reading aloud, although many children will want to follow up with a more complete biography, such as Cheryl Harness' *Young Abe Lincoln: The Frontier Days: 1809-1837* (1996) or *Abe Lincoln Goes to Washington: 1837-1865* (1997). Kay Weisman Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Very much enjoyed by a 6 year old. We had been talking quite a bit in the past 6 months about "Honest Abe". This book looks in on Abe from the time he was a boy and his love of books..... A great story.

My grand daughter is 5 and obsessed with Abe Lincoln right now! There are not a lot of books about him that she would enjoy but she really like this one! I enjoyed reading it to her also! Thanks Kay Winters for thinking of & writing a story about Honest Abe for younger audiences!

Lovely, well written and illustrated book that we used to 'kick off' our study of Abraham Lincoln. Simple enough for kids to understand but detailed enough to really give them an insight into his life.

Got this book for grandson, as we are going to make a family trip to DC and want to help them learn

more about our nation's history.

SO much information in one book. Very well written. Highly recommend.

Great book, my 4 year old likes it!

Wonderful book! We used this for a homeschool unit on Lincoln and really enjoyed it!

Exactly what you would expect. Great quality!

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