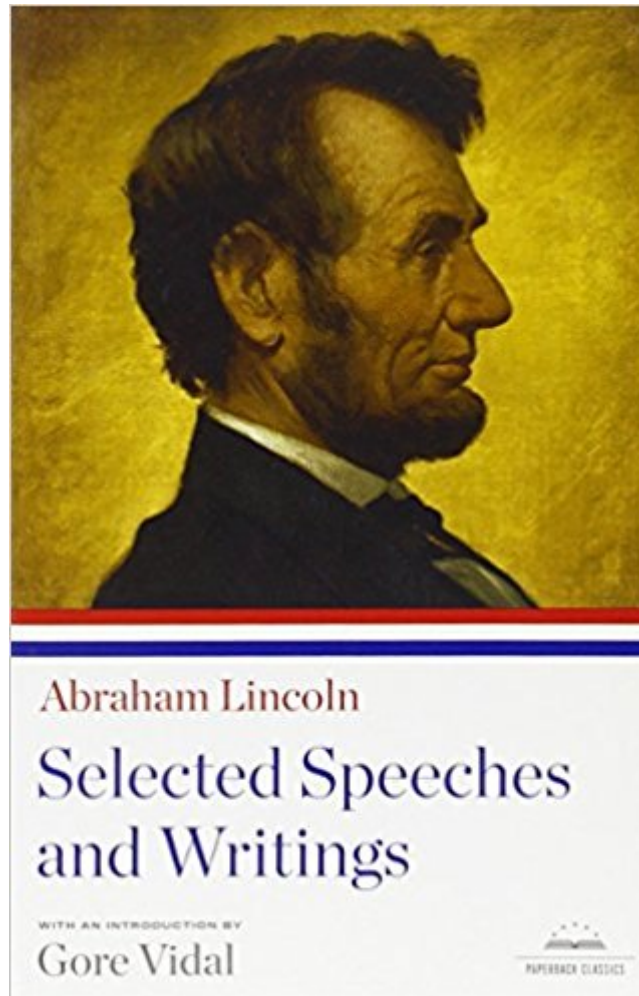


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I have the Dover Thrift Edition of Abraham Lincoln's Great Speeches which whet my appetite and curiosity for more communications of this great leader. My appetite was whet even more by the movie "Lincoln". I believe that if our current politicians had the ability to communicate as well as Lincoln (and the time to write their own speeches and letters) there would be less follow-up explanations and retractions. As an example I would offer the letter Lincoln wrote to Horace Greeley on August 22, 1862. I'm sure there are many, including the recipient, who disagreed with the views offered in this letter; but I don't think anyone could mistake the views of the person writing the letter. One needs to be aware that these are 'selected' offerings and that some of the speeches are edited for brevity. I have just begun to pursue a look into what this man said and its impact on our history and our current situation. I believe that this book will serve me well in that 'look' and would heartily recommend it. The Modern Library hardbound version in two volumes would be my next choice.

Good History book for anyone that want to learn about History of Abe.

Bought this as part of our study for American History for my homeschool highschooler. Never got to

this read this when I was a kid. Primary sources, instead of textbooks containing misinformation and little blips of dates and text, is the way all students deserve to learn. For example, did you know the Emancipation Proclamation did NOT "free the slaves" as is commonly written in textbooks? This book is enjoyable to read, and shows what an amazing writer and speaker this self-taught lawyer was really like. And a President who writes and delivers his own speeches? Unheard of today. Love that my students found pleasure in reading and discussing Lincoln's ideas.

Outstanding insight into a factual / historical account of President, Abraham Lincoln. Kudos! I gave it a 5-star rating because I found it to be very interesting!

Interesting to have an insight to the character and life of Abraham Lincoln in his own writings. Have not read it all yet.

I like it not love it . Hard to find specific speeches.

As expected

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