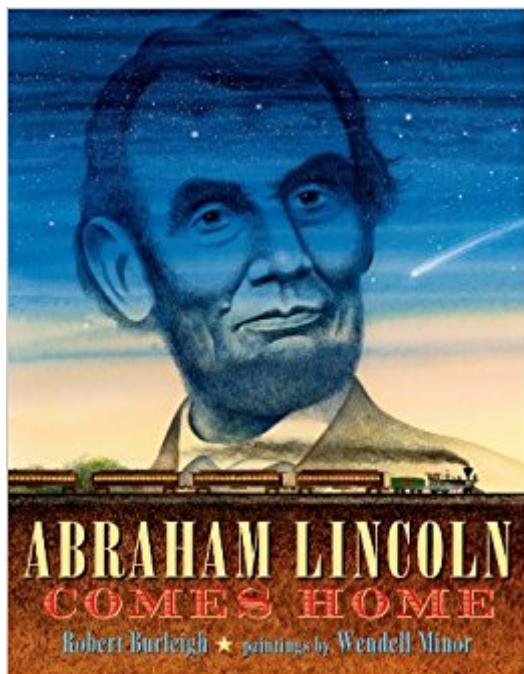


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Abraham Lincoln Comes Home



Synopsis

When Abraham Lincoln was assassinated in 1865, the country grieved for the courageous president who had guided them through the Civil War. Over the course of thirteen somber days, people paid homage as Lincoln's funeral train made its way from Washington, D.C., to Springfield, Illinois. In moving prose and stunning paintings, a young boy experiences the deep feelings evoked by the assassination and death of a major historical figure, during a time of great change in the country.

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Grade 1-4 •Following Lincoln's death, his body was taken back to Illinois for burial. Burleigh focuses on one boy's perceptions as he and his father travel through the night by horse-drawn carriage to see the funeral train pass. Full-spread images capture the cool night and the hot bonfires, the solemnity of the locals, and the grandness of the train. Both artist and writer researched the trains, engines, and events surrounding Lincoln's final journey; they use an original image of the paper flags waved at mourning processions for endpapers and offer more information and additional resources on the title-page verso. Minor's gouache watercolors capture the prairie as well as multiple perspectives of the train, while Burleigh's prose is almost poetic: "Past speeches and silence. Past black drapes, heaped roses, archways of green leaves, and the sound of muffled drums." The result is sensuous with sounds, sights, and the emotion of the event. Lincoln is

ennobled in this historical picture book. Janet S. Thompson, Chicago Public Library
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“Lincoln’s funeral train took 13 days between Washington, D.C., and Springfield, Ill., and drew 30 million mourners along the way. *Abraham Lincoln Comes Home* by Robert Burleigh, illustrated by Wendell Minor (Henry Holt, \$16.95, ages 6 to 10), poignantly imagines a father and son paying their respects on the prairie. • USA Today “Moving prose and dramatic night scenes show them as part of a grieving yet grateful nation, paying homage to a fallen hero. • San Francisco Chronicle “This quiet, lovely book sensitively communicates a sense of the magnitude of loss felt by so many. • Kirkus Reviews “A moving portrait of a cultural moment, before the age of 24/7 electronic media, when tribute was paid to the slain president by those who turned out to see the train pass. Text and pictures convey the watchers’ sense of solemnity. • Chicago Tribune

Great book with great pictures and story. Bought this for a Christmas gift

Great!

just what I needed

A great book for children.

This is a wonderful book about the passing of Abe Lincoln. I read it to my first graders but it is certainly pertinent for every grade level.

Such a lovely book (and the Spoken Arts DVD) about how a father and son, Luke, witnessed Lincoln’s funeral train pass through their town. It was the first time the boy had seen his father cry. Lincoln was our 16th president and the first to be assassinated, just a week after the end of the Civil War. It was a shock to our country. Many people came out to the railroad, day or night, to see the funeral train pass by. It was the first time they would see a funeral train carrying the body of the dead president, and they all came to pay their respects. The funeral train started in Washington DC and continued for 13 days, making several stops along the way for funerals in big cities, before it

arrived in Illinois. Lincoln was buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois on May 4, 1865. There is now a 117-foot Tomb at his grave site.

This is an informative, poetic telling of the fact that after Abraham Lincoln was assassinated, his body was returned to Springfield, Illinois, on a special funeral train (a map is provided) that traveled through as many Northern cities as possible, so that citizens could come to show their respect. The author chooses to tell the story through the eyes of one boy, who with his father makes a special night-time buggy drive to where citizens will gather to view the train as it passes by. A beautifully told story.

"[T]ears were streaming down his father's cheeks. Luke had never seen his father cry before." This book is primarily intended for kids even though the topic is on a grave matter. It gives the readers and listeners a sense of Abraham Lincoln's enormous importance to America. This is definitely a book out of the ordinary. It is a refreshing book to read to your kids.

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