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Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Enjoy the Journey! Von James Gallen "Land of Lincoln" takes the reader on an entertaining journey in pursuit of the Long Shadow of Long Abe. This book is about the influence of Lincoln's Legacy on individual Americans. With Author Andrew Ferguson, the reader visits Lincoln, people, places and things from a controversial new statue in Richmond,

Virginia to a collector in California. Chapter by chapter we visit Sons of Confederate Veterans, the Abraham Lincoln Association, The Lincoln Forum, Lincoln Personators, collectors, business workshop facilitators, Springfield, Indiana and Hodgenville, Kentucky and many other places and people. Individuals such as Collector Louise Taper and Rhode Island Chief Justice Frank Williams, for whom Lincoln seems to be a life role model, leave the reader in awe of their single-minded pursuit of Lincoln. Ferguson does an excellent job in explaining how the treatment of Lincoln has changed over the years, with special emphasis on the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. Ferguson writes in a tongue in cheek manner which adds humor to a work which is both entertaining and educational. As a boy in Illinois who grew up to be an Illinois lawyer, I have a fairly good familiarity with Lincoln, but I learned many things about his life and legacy. I did not know what to expect when I started this book, but enjoyed it from start to finish. I listened to parts dealing with Springfield and Central Illinois while driving through those areas. Ferguson's descriptions of family trips through Lincoln Land sound very familiar. I am glad that even professional historians have problems with less interested children, as do I. As he talked about taking his family through the same sites that he had visited with his parents I felt the satisfaction of having done the same. This book is a treat for anyone who grew up in the shadow of Lincoln, who visits his sites or who lives in the nation which he shaped.

Kurzbeschreibung Abraham Lincoln was our greatest president and perhaps the most influential American who ever lived. But what is his place in our country today? In *Land of Lincoln*, Andrew Ferguson packs his bags and embarks on a journey to the heart of contemporary Lincoln Nation, where he encounters a world as funny as it is poignant, and a population as devoted as it is colorful. In small-town Indiana, Ferguson drops in on the national conference of Lincoln presenters, 175 grown men who make their living (sort of) by impersonating their hero. He meets the premier collectors of Lincoln memorabilia, prized items of which include Lincolns chamber pot, locks of his hair, and pages from a boyhood schoolbook. He takes his wife and children on a trip across the long-defunct Lincoln Heritage Trail, a driving tour of landmarks from Lincolns life. This book is an entertaining, unexpected, and big-hearted celebration of Lincolns enduring influence on our country--and the people who help keep his spirit alive.