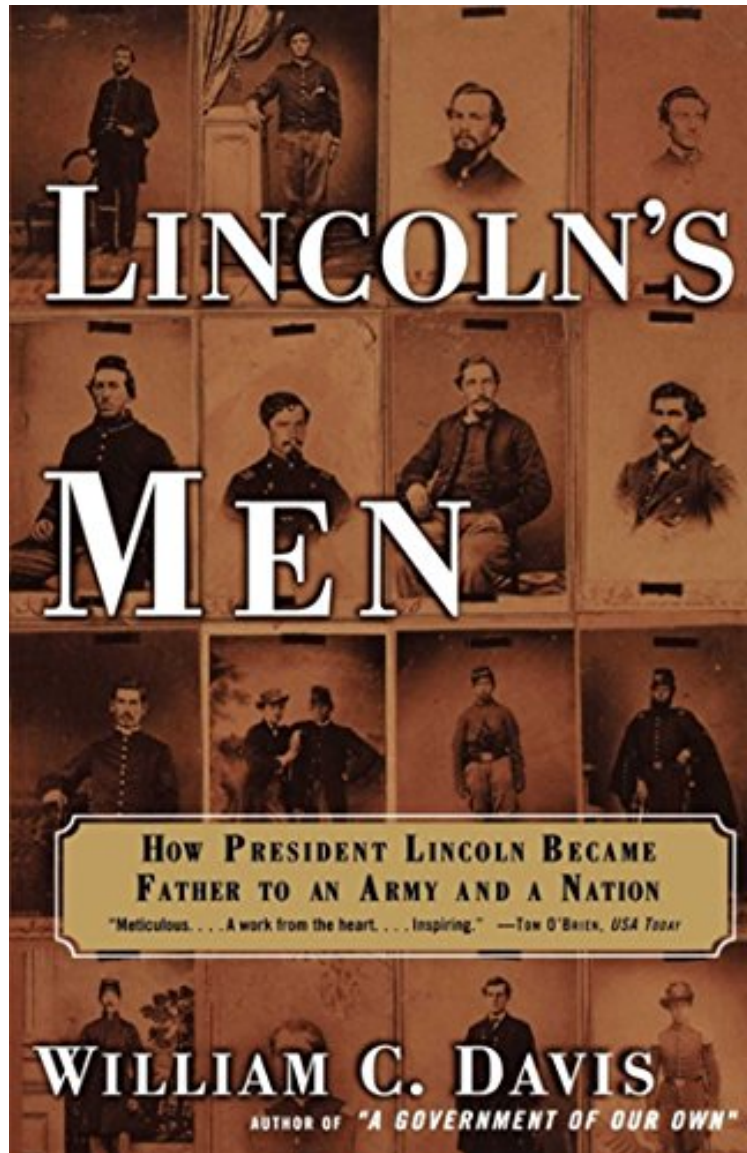


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As an avid reader of Lincoln biographies, I found this book enlightening. I'd always known that the Union soldiers loved and admired him, but to have the evidence gathered in one book was a revelation. This may "be available from other sources" as one of the reviews said, but for the general reader and even the student of history, this is a wonderful resource. My only complaint is that in trying to demystify Lincoln, for the uncareful reader he may actually be adding to the myth. While he does an excellent job of citing the antidraft riots and desertions and the unfavorable opinions and so on; the casual reader may very well not remember those passages when they've finished the book. Despite that caveat, I'll recommend this book to all my friends who enjoy reading, whether nonfiction or fiction. It deserves to be a best seller, and I hope to see it on the list.  
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William C. Davis has to be one of our most prolific historians. Amazingly, his work is always top notch as with this book. With so much already written on every facet of Lincoln's life, you would expect that there was not much original material that Davis could bring to his subject, but he does. I've always wondered how Lincoln could win the soldier's vote in his re-election campaign, given the love that the army had for Lincoln's opponent, George McClellan. But after reading this book, it becomes clear. I have an even greater respect for Lincoln and for Lincoln's men! Well done!!  
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As a Civil War reenactor I found this book's perspective especially informative and useful in my hobby. It provides a rather thorough look at how Lincoln's men viewed him during the various highs and lows of the War. It contained just enough soldiers' letters and first person quotations to support the author's points. My only criticism is that it can get repetitive at times, but overall is an excellent and enjoyable read.

Kurzbeschreibung  
I sit down to write you (a Soldier's Friend!)...My kind Friend of Friends you have the power to help me a grate deal...I have great Confidence in our Good President hoe has dun a grate deal for us poor Soldiers... So wrote Private Joe Hass to Abraham Lincoln, February 20, 1864. Like an extraordinary number of his fellow Union soldiers, he loved Lincoln as a father. Lincoln inspired feelings unlike those instilled by any previous commander-in-chief in America. In *Lincoln's Men*, William C. Davis draws on thousands of unpublished letters and diaries to tell the hidden story of how a new and untested president could become "Father Abraham" throughout both the army and the North as a whole. How did the Army of the Potomac, yearning for the grandeur of McClellan, turn instead to the comfort of Old Abe, and how was this change of loyalty crucial to final victory? How did Lincoln inspire the faith and courage of so many shattered men, wandering the inferno of Shiloh or entrenched in the siege of Vicksburg? Why did soldiers visiting Washington feel free to stroll into the White House and sit down to relax, as if it were their own home? Davis removes layers of mythmaking to recapture the moods and feelings of an army facing one of history's bloodiest conflicts. Tracing the popular fate of decisions to invoke conscription, to fire McClellan, and to free the slaves, *Lincoln's Men* casts a new light on our most famous president -- the light, that is, of the peculiar mass medium that was the Union Army. A motley band of talkers and letter writers, the soldiers spread news of Lincoln's appearances like wildfire, chortling at his ungainly posture in the saddle, rushing up to shake his hand and talk to him. The volunteers knew they could approach "Old Abe," "Honest Abe," "Uncle Abe," and "Father Abraham," and they cheered him thunderously. "The men could not be restrained from so honoring him," said Private Rice Bull. "He really was the ideal of the Army." The story of the making of Father Abraham is the story of America's second revolution, its rebirth. As one Union soldier and journalist put it, "Washington taught the world to know us, Lincoln taught us to know ourselves. The first won for us our independence, the last wrought out our manhood and self-respect."  
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