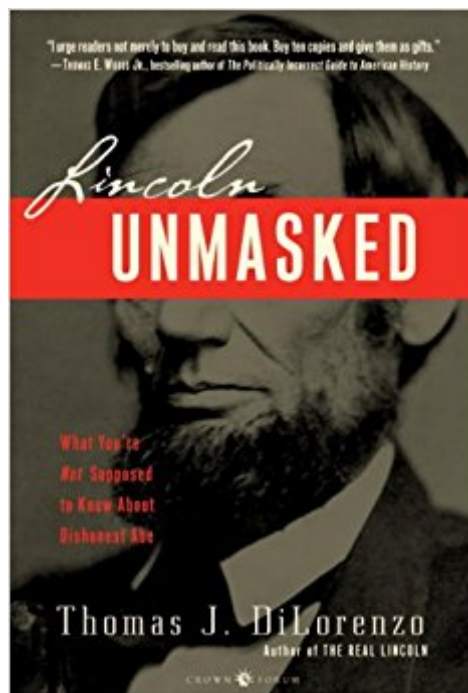




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# Lincoln Unmasked: What You're Not Supposed To Know About Dishonest Abe



## Synopsis

What if you were told that the revered leader Abraham Lincoln was actually a political tyrant who stifled his opponents by suppressing their civil rights? What if you learned that the man so affectionately referred to as the “Great Emancipator” supported white supremacy and pledged not to interfere with slavery in the South? Would you suddenly start to question everything you thought you knew about Lincoln and his presidency? You should. Thomas J. DiLorenzo, who ignited a fierce debate about Lincoln’s legacy with his book *The Real Lincoln*, now presents a litany of stunning new revelations that explode the most enduring (and pernicious) myths about our sixteenth president. Marshaling an astonishing amount of new evidence, *Lincoln Unmasked* offers an alarming portrait of a political manipulator and opportunist who bears little resemblance to the heroic, stoic, and principled figure of mainstream history. Did you know that Lincoln . . . did NOT save the union? In fact, Lincoln did more than any other individual to destroy the voluntary union the Founding Fathers recognized. Lincoln did NOT want to free the slaves? Lincoln, who did not believe in equality of the races, wanted the Constitution to make slavery “irrevocable.” Lincoln was NOT a champion of the Constitution? Contrary to his high-minded rhetoric, Lincoln repeatedly trampled on the Constitution and even issued an arrest warrant for the chief justice of the United States! Lincoln was NOT a great statesman? Lincoln was actually a warmonger who manipulated his own people into a civil war. Lincoln did NOT utter many of his most admired quotations? DiLorenzo exposes a legion of statements that have been falsely attributed to Lincoln for generations—usually to enhance his image. In addition to detailing Lincoln’s offenses against the principles of freedom, equality, and states’ rights, *Lincoln Unmasked* exposes the vast network of academics, historians, politicians, and other “gatekeepers” who have sanitized his true beliefs and willfully distorted his legacy. DiLorenzo reveals how the deification of Lincoln reflects a not-so-hidden agenda to expand the size and scope of the American state far beyond what the Founding Fathers envisioned—an expansion that Lincoln himself began. The hagiographers have shaped Lincoln’s image to the point that it has become more fiction than fact. With *Lincoln Unmasked*, DiLorenzo shows us an Abraham Lincoln without the rhetoric, lies, and political bias that have clouded a disastrous president’s enduring damage to the nation. From the Hardcover edition.

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## Customer Reviews

In this laughable screed, a senior fellow at the libertarian/free market Ludwig von Mises Institute charges that most scholars of the Civil War are part of a "Lincoln cult" and determined to fool the American public into thinking that our 16th president was a hero. At the root of the author's loathing of Lincoln is an ideological commitment to states' sovereignty, a doctrine largely undone by the Civil War. DiLorenzo believes that the centralized nation-state that emerged after the war is incompatible with true democracy. His supposed revelations--that Northerners owned slaves into the 19th century; that Lincoln advocated the relocation of black Americans to Liberia; that Lincoln did not, at the outset of the war, aim to end slavery--are well known to anyone who has read one of the many recent books on Lincoln. But Lincoln is not DiLorenzo's real target; he saves his most vitriolic bombast for the scholars who dominate American universities (most notably Eric Foner) and who, he charges, are "cover-up artists" and "propagandists." DiLorenzo accuses them of using their Lincoln mythology to advocate big government and other "imperialistic" and "totalitarian" policies. DiLorenzo accuses the "cultists" of having a political agenda. He may well be hoisted by his own petard. (Oct.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

DiLorenzo directs acid criticism at President Lincoln in this espousal of "Lost Cause" ideology. Lincoln was the legal winner of the 1860 presidential election, and it is vital to contrast the legality of his election with the speculative right to nullification and secession that DiLorenzo champions in this defense of the Lost Cause. Intellectually, DiLorenzo has a nugget of a case, but it is overargued and

is not measured against the secessionists' thwarting of a legitimate election by sundering the U.S. Emotionally, the text gains energy from DiLorenzo's claim that a "cult" of biographers and Civil War historians conceals the historical Lincoln from the public, but if this cabal exits, it is unable to stanch a steady flow of anti-Lincoln books. However, general readers are accustomed to noncritical admiration of Lincoln and might be motivated by DiLorenzo's assertive, free-swinging style into exploring the validity of his argument. Gilbert Taylor Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Stephen Ambrose in his great book, on building The Big Railroad got me to thinking about Abe. DiLorenzo provides further argument that his image has been over enhanced....

DiLorenzo actually quotes from Lincoln himself as opposed to his apologists. An absolute necessary read for those interested in Lincoln and his actions.

Great item!!!

If you are not comfortable having popular history challenged and you do not really like people exposing your heroes for who they really are/were, then do not buy this book! But if you value getting ALL of the facts and building your opinions on truth and information that exposes what really happened, then you will be right at home here. Come on in and see one of America's favorite icons for the man he truly was. There is no Lincoln bashing, and there is also no starry-eyed fan view of a fantasy legend to be found here. This is history, plainly honest and elegantly researched and presented. And if Lincoln were around to see this book, I think he would approve of its approach, though perhaps the politician in him would be hard-pressed not to respond with sharp wit and an unbridled tongue.

Oh Boy , A must read for those want further revelations regarding "Dishonest Abe".

This book gives the facts and doesn't just try to sell the authors point of view. Read the facts and draw your conclusions from there. Every American should read this book to learn their history

Refreshingly truthful about the President who destroyed federalism and who is worshiped by liberals and conservatives alike. Did Lincoln set out to free slaves? Did he "save the union"? What did

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