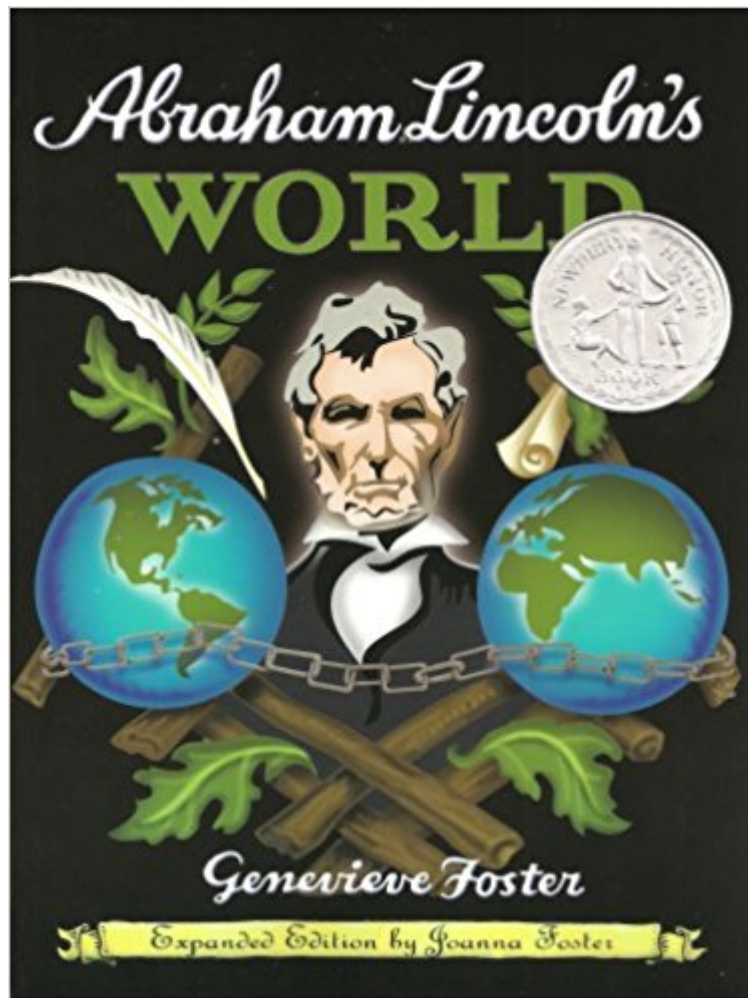




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Synopsis

1940 Newbery Honor Title Published by Beautiful Feet Books Originally published in 1944, Foster earned her reputation by her masterful display of "horizontal history" telling the story of world events in the geo-political sphere, while giving as much importance to advances in science, medicine, music, literature, and exploration. Thus, while Abe Lincoln was a boy romping the woods of Kentucky, Thomas Jefferson was completing his eighth year as president, George III reigned in Great Britain and Napoleon was about to meet his Waterloo. Beethoven and Sir Walter Scott were at the height of their creative powers, while Victor Hugo was staging plays at school. By the time Lincoln was old enough to help his father chop wood, other young boys and girls were being prepared for the future parts they would play. Harriet Beecher was reading anything she could get her hands on, Charles Darwin was collecting toads, crabs and shells, and the impoverished boy Dickens was working in a shoe blacking factory in London. When Lincoln opened his shop in Salem, David Livingstone was opening up deepest Africa, and thousands of Americans were opening up the West on the Oregon Trail. The spirit of freedom was moving around the globe as the abolitionist movement gained power in the States and serfdom saw its demise in Russia. Technologically the world was bursting with the invention of the telegraph, the railroad and the steamboat. With her whimsical and informative illustrations and timelines Foster has magnificently captured a remarkable age and a remarkable man.

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"Nothing is more critical, I believe, than that children growing up in these critical explosive days

should be given an understanding of American history as a part of the history of the world. Every year this grows more urgent, as increasingly rapid communication integrates world events more closely and the impact of foreign affairs on our own lives becomes more serious and immediate." Genevieve Foster wrote this nearly fifty years ago. It resonates with perhaps more truth today. As a result of this clarion call we have sold many of her enduring "World" titles because of the timeless nature of her books. Her writing style is clear, concise and fluid with her greatest strength as a storyteller being her ability to bring her readers right into the minds and times of her characters.

So boring! If reading for school I would like to have to read something slightly interesting!!

One of our favorite history resources. I couldn't put it down!

Every family should own a copy of this excellent history of Abraham Lincoln. It not only tells us about his life, but what was happening during this time period.

excellent

Great way to put the era into perspective. Only about 8 chapters in...

My daughter loves to read "junk-food books." However, she actually looks forward to reading this one - it keeps her attention and causes her to ask good questions.

Who was the United States' greatest President? Many people would quickly answer, "Abraham Lincoln." This 1945 Newbery Honor Title, originally published in 1944, is not just a biography of Lincoln, but an example of author Genevieve Foster's masterful display of "horizontal history" by telling the story of world events in the geo-political sphere, while giving as much importance to advances in science, medicine, music, literature, and exploration, all centered around the life of a specific individual. After a short introduction about Lincoln's background and birth, the five main sections explain what was going on in the world while Abe Lincoln was a boy romping the woods of Kentucky, while he was helping his father chop wood in Indiana, while he was keeping shop in New Salem, while he was a lawyer in Springfield, and while he served as President, with snippets of Lincoln's activities woven in. Foster once wrote,

“Nothing is more critical, I believe, than that children growing up in these critical explosive days should be given an understanding of American history as a part of the history of the world. Abraham Lincoln’s World would serve as an invaluable aid to any student’s study of the times in which Lincoln lived. And the book makes the information interesting to read because it presents the events in story form instead of a dry, dusty list of facts. The new expanded edition includes additional material provided by the author’s daughter, Joanna Foster. Other Newbery Honor Books by Genevieve Foster are George Washington’s World (1942), George Washington (1950), and Birthdays of Freedom, Vol. 1 (1953). Other similar books by the same author include Augustus Caesar’s World: A Story of Ideas and Events from B.C. 44 to 14 A.D. (1947), The World of Captain John Smith (1959), The World of Columbus and Sons (1965), and The World of William Penn (1973).

This is great story telling and a fun way to learn history. The World of Abraham Lincoln is not just about Abraham Lincoln, but the world in which he lived from birth to death. It covers from Lincoln’s boyhood days in which Napoleon and Queen Victoria are discussed along with other major global figures. Throughout the book we are taken to various parts of the world to learn about impacting events and persons that shape history. From 1800 to 1865 is covered. The events of the USA are discussed: events like the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Alamo, the Missouri Compromise, the Kansas-Nebraska Act and much more. One learns about the first Reich of Germany under Kaiser Wilhelm. The life of Abraham Lincoln is interwoven throughout these history time slices. These books are not just for kids, but for adults to learn history as well.

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