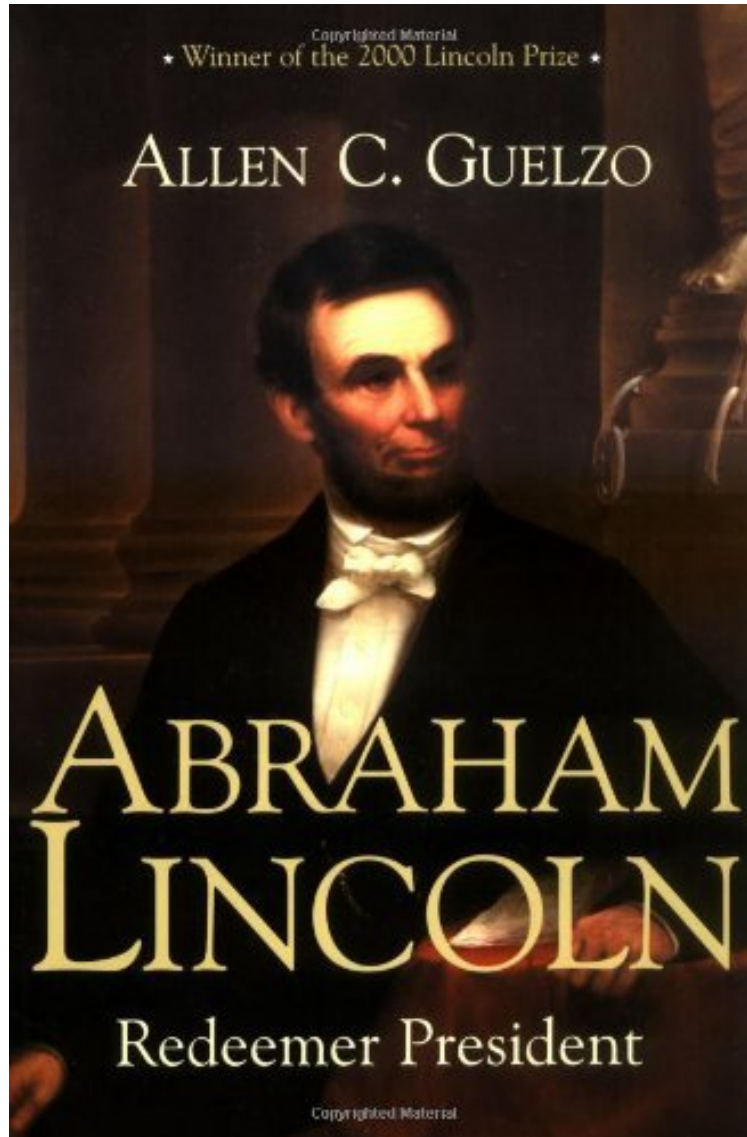


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An Important Book in Lincoln StudiesVon Scott E. RosenauThousands of books have been written about Abraham Lincoln. These books have ranged from general biographies, multi-volume biographies, examinations of his political career, his presidency, and his views on slavery. Allen Guelzo, in this excellent book, gives us an ideological look at

the 16th president. Most historians have ignored Lincoln as a philosophical thinker and Guelzo tries to open up this aspect of Lincoln's character and thought. Examining Lincoln's moral and religious beliefs and how they evolved, Guelzo portrays Lincoln, not as a religious skeptic or as a Christian Redeemer as other biographers have, but as a seeker. Throughout his life, according to Guelzo, Lincoln is looking for a religious structure that he can believe in, but never finds one that meets his needs. Lincoln continues to sense a feeling of inadequacy as the beliefs from his predestinarian Calvinist background give him a sense that he was not one of the elect. This predestinarian background also makes Lincoln feel that, in Lincoln's words, "events have controlled me." During the Civil War, it is this sense of inevitability and predetermination that guides Lincoln in many of his anti-slavery and reconstruction policies. Lincoln sees himself as a tool in bringing about God's will, even though he doubts that he will achieve salvation.

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Von Sean Winnie I've never written one of these reviews before but having just finished this book I feel compelled to sing its praises. I have also never been a big fan of biographies as a genre, but given this book as an unexpected gift I thought I'd make a go of it. I made the mistake of reading one of the appendices of this book before starting it. This appendix detailed the many prior attempts to put Lincoln's life into one or two volumes and the consequent warping of the details and ideas of his life by these biographers. It was enough to plant a seed of doubt in anyone's mind that justice could be done to Lincoln's life as a biography. But after the introduction to this book, the reader is easily reassured that this is no ordinary biography - it focuses in a very analytical way on the culture and community philosophy of 19th century America and brings the details of Lincoln's life into play only within that context. It never sinks into outright eulogies or worship of Lincoln, but rather takes pains to emphasize his conflicting priorities, and above all his humanity. It is an approach that makes one appreciate Lincoln much more than if he were simply praised for 400 pages. I was infatuated with this book from beginning to end, and am already planning on reading it again.

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Von Ein Kunde I must disagree with the generally positive reviews of this book. I have read so many Lincoln books, With Malice Towards None, by Stephen Oats, being one of the better ones. In Malice, Lincoln's personality seems to flow through the pages, and the book is a pleasurable read. It is also intelligently and clearly written. Conclusions are generally substantiated or debated and weighed in light of the historical record. This book, by contrast, is so very inaccessible and difficult to understand. Request to author: please write in plain english, and don't try to impress us with your acumen and intelligence. Your message, whatever it is, is lost in your obscure presentation. I'm not interested in you, or your vocabulary; I'm interested in Lincoln. This author, in addition, with no material substantiating evidence other than primarily Herndon's accounts (and Herndon disliked Mary Todd), accepts wholeheartedly that Ann Rutledge was the only woman Lincoln ever loved, and that Lincoln was engaged to be married to her. Maybe this was true; and, if so, fine . . . but I was not convinced by what was presented in the book. Many Lincoln biographers question what this author presents as fact.

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