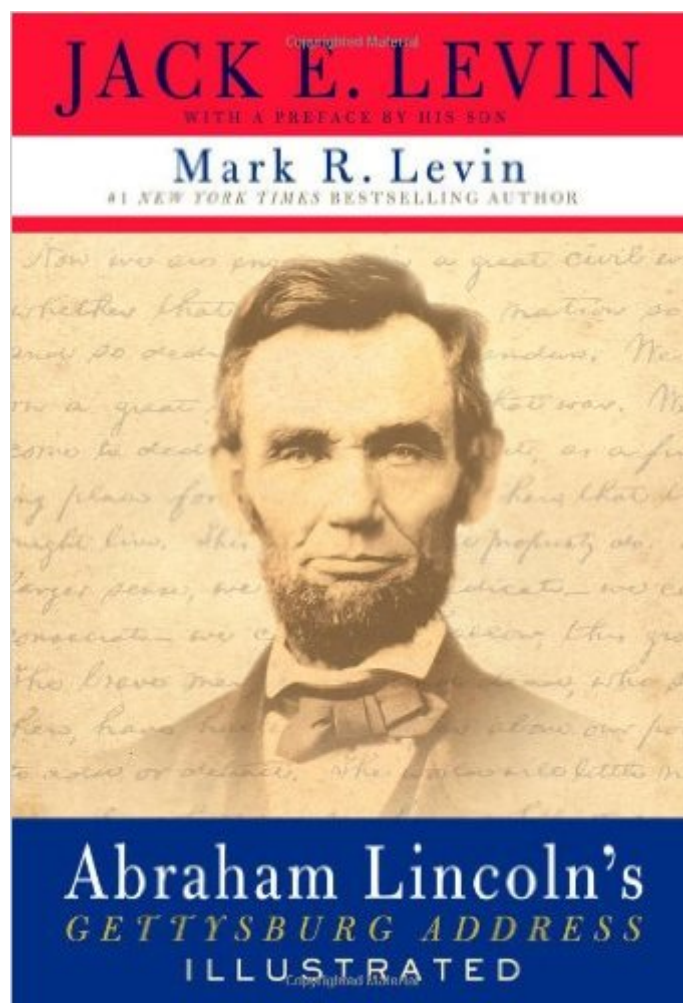


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# Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address Illustrated



## Synopsis

“Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.” Long before his conservative manifesto *Liberty and Tyranny* became a #1 New York Times bestseller, Mark R. Levin’s love for his country was instilled in him by his father, Jack E. Levin. At family dinners, Jack would share his bountiful knowledge of American history and, especially, the inspiration of Abraham Lincoln. The son of immigrants, Jack Levin is an American patriot who responded with deep personal emotion to Lincoln’s call for liberty and equality. His admiration for the great Civil War president inspired him to personally design and produce a beautiful volume, enhanced with period illustrations and striking battlefield images by Matthew Brady and other renowned photographers of the era, that brings to life the words of Lincoln’s awe-inspiring response to one of the Civil War’s costliest conflicts. Now Jack Levin’s loving homage to the spirit of American freedom is available in an essential edition that features his original foreword as well as a touching new preface by his son, Mark Levin. In this way, *Abraham Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address Illustrated* celebrates the passing of patriotic pride and historical insight from generation to generation, from father to son. The day following the dedication of the National Soldier’s Cemetery at Gettysburg, Edward Everett, who spoke before Lincoln, sent him a note saying: “Permit me to express my great admiration for the thoughts expressed by you, with such eloquent simplicity and appropriateness, at the consecration of the cemetery. I should be glad, if I could flatter myself that I came as near to the central idea of the occasion, in two hours, as you did in two minutes.” Lincoln wrote back to Everett: “In our respective parts yesterday, you could not have been excused to make a short address, nor I a long one. I am pleased to know that in your judgement the little I did say was not entirely a failure.”

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## Customer Reviews

Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address Illustrated does what most history books (even great treatises) never manage to do - It captures the power and poignancy of the moment Abraham Lincoln rose to deliver what is one of the world's greatest statements on democratic governance and the human character. Through Lincoln's own words and telling contemporary photographs, Jack Levin captures the raw emotion and historically charged atmosphere of an era when America was literally tearing itself apart. He goes beyond the commonplace telling of how Lincoln's address came about and what it came to mean, and gives us the sensory and emotional experience of an eye witness to momentous history in the making. This book should be a cornerstone in every American's education about the times and events that have made us the nation we are today. It is also a telling reminder of what each generation must fight to preserve in order to give to future generations the legacy of American exceptionalism. I can't recommend this book highly enough.

I cannot do this book justice with just some words on a screen... I am 27 years old and it takes a lot for me to get a lump in my throat, but this book has done it as I sit here at work paging through this treasure. Over my life, I have read the words that Lincoln spoke at Gettysburg, but none have so deeply penetrated the depths of my soul as the format of this book. With each turn of the page comes another powerful line accompanied by another powerful image that reminds us that the Civil War was not some fable that took place in Ancient History. No. Jack E. Levin shows us that America, OUR America, OUR country, is not merely a geographical "place" on the globe, but rather an idea, a mindset, a unique human experience and that our history is one of uniquely AMERICAN character. This book should be required reading in ALL public schools. This book is not someone's subjective point-of-view passed off as fact. Quite the contrary. 'Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address Illustrated' is the words of one divinely-inspired President, accompanied by the incredibly detailed photographs of past Americans who carried out and who died for the belief in humanity's ONLY opportunity to live as God intended, freely. With this book, Mr. Jack E. Levin has created his second masterpiece - his first being the American Hero and Patriot, Mark R. Levin.

An outstanding tribute to a seminal event. Jack Levin's selection of haunting photos coupled with the

immortal words of Lincoln should be required in all classrooms. Although I'm ashamed to admit it, I hadn't read the entire Gettysburg Address since high school. This book renewed my interest in the Civil War. Also featured is a moving prologue by Mark Levin.

It is abundantly clear to me that the Levin Family has embraced liberty, freedom, and patriotism. Would that we all do this in our respective families! This illustrated version of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address is remarkable in that it causes the reader to pause and reflect on Lincoln's words. Indeed, a reader who cherishes this nation will do so without much thought as to why, while a reader who does not value that which has been sacrificed will merely glance or gawk at the carefully selected pictures and art, and then proceed to pass judgment based on their prejudice of the preface's author. The images and drawings bring Lincoln's words to life, and in equal measure remind us of what horrors await if our nation is torn asunder, and separated from our Constitution. Those that would have us adopt a new path based on some foreign model will utterly miss the poignant reminder that discarding the wisdom of our founders can only have one horrific outcome. This is an excellent supplemental book for any family with children studying the Civil War or Lincoln. Those that enjoy Mark Levin's radio program will enjoy the window into his upbringing and the story of his father (and this book's creator), Jack Levin. Thank you both for your time and dedication to our great country! And a special thank you to Jack Levin for illustrating this important moment of history that staves off the erosive qualities of time.

First, let me qualify this by stating that I am a huge fan of Mark Levin, his show, and KSFO radio. Just before Memorial Day I was listening to his show and he mentioned his dad's book. I was thinking I should buy the book for my 17 year old son, who somehow considers himself a socialist. Let him see what many thousands of others sacrificed for this country was my main reasoning. Shortly after the book arrived I decided to read it too. With all due respect to Mark Levin, who I think is one of the more brilliant conservative minds, I thought the book too juvenile for adults. Very large type words of the short Gettysburg address and some Matthew Brady photographs were pretty much it. For whatever reason, I thought the book would be a short study on the Battle of Gettysburg - what led up to it, the thoughts Lincoln may have had at the time, and the thoughts Lincoln had while writing and delivering his famous speech. What did others say or think afterwards? What was the Southern response to the speech? None of that was in this book. It was just a bit of Mr Levin's background and the large-type speech with a few Brady photographs - the end. I think I finished it in 5 minutes, and I'm a very slow reader. If I had to do it again, I think I would probably not buy this

book and I give only an average rating.

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