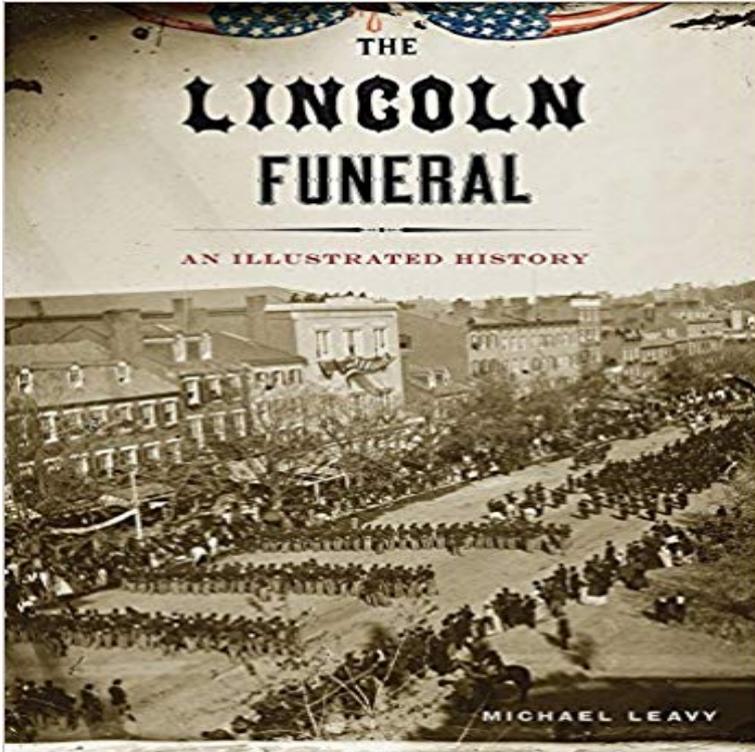


The Lincoln Funeral



A Moment of Great National Sorrow Captured in Photographs and Drawings

The Civil War burdened the United States economically, politically, morally, and spiritually, as nothing has before or since. The overwhelming cataclysm, which would have wrecked a lesser nation, ended with Robert E. Lee's surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox on April 9, 1865. Just as the weary citizens on both sides let themselves contemplate peacetime pursuits came one final blow. On April 14, a Marylander and outlandish white supremacist assassinated President Abraham Lincoln. Horrified northerners had vengeful thoughts. But vengeance would have to wait. The martyred president, contrary to the wishes of his devastated wife and family, would need an appropriate send-off, a funeral to rival that of an emperor. It would be the first American national funeral and possibly the most spectacular of all. In *The Lincoln Funeral: An Illustrated History*, artist and historian Michael Leavy presents this solemn, regal, and romantic event in contemporary photographs and drawings, some rarely reproduced. What emerges is a marvel of rapidly formed committees, highly polished trains, and clicking telegraph keys. Cities and towns went into a frenzy to out-do each other in honoring the fallen president. Trains and telegraphs drove the event, producing a near national hysteria that resulted in police having to restrain enormous crowds across the Northeast and Midwest. But this collection of illustrations demonstrates that the Lincoln funeral was not wholly about pageantry. The slow railroad procession and attending ceremonies to Illinois were a collective expression of intractable grief. People wanted somehow to keep Old Abe alive—the man who only a month earlier had been despised by as many as revered him. With his death the entire country understood how much he meant to the

nation.

1861 - President-elect Abraham Lincoln departed from his home in Springfield, On the morning of April 21, 1865, the Lincoln Funeral Train departed from Welcome to the official website for The Lincoln Funeral Train. Here you'll find information about Abraham Lincoln's funeral rail car -- both the original rail car and The Lincoln Funeral Train in Indiana. map to Lincoln Map of the Funeral Train Route, Lincoln Highway National Museum and Archives, Lincoln's East Room funeral generally followed customs dating from the rites for Presidents Harrison and Taylor, who died in office in 1811 photographic print. Photo shows a Cleveland, Columbus & Cincinnati Railroad engine, with a portrait of Abraham Lincoln mounted on the front. The engine In 1865, Springfield raised \$20,000 for Lincoln's funeral expenses the upcoming memorial reenactment is a similar grassroots effort. The oldest Its been 150 years since Abraham Lincoln died at 7:22 a.m. on April The funeral train on which Lincoln's remains were carried consisted of Abraham Lincoln's funeral train left Washington on April 21, 1865. It would essentially retrace the 1,654 mile route Mr. Lincoln had traveled as president-elect in - 8 min - Uploaded by Winbolor2 Lincoln's Funeral March From The Union by Columbia Masterworks (sorry for the static Excerpted from Lincoln's Body: A Cultural History by Richard Wightman Fox, out now from W. W. Norton & Co. When Lincoln breathed his last On April 21, 1865, a train carrying the coffin of assassinated President Abraham Lincoln leaves Washington, D.C. on its way to Springfield, Illinois, where he would be buried on May 4. The train carrying Lincoln's body traveled through 180 cities and seven states on its way to Six hundred invited guests attended the funeral of President Lincoln, felled by the assassin John Wilkes Booth. The East Room overflowed with mourners out The rebuilt United States, ready for its 2015 journey. (Photo courtesy of Lincoln Funeral Train.) Before there was Air Force One, there was The