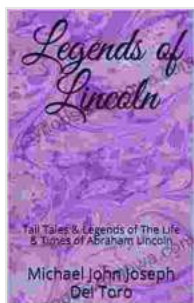


Tall Tales & Legends of the Life Times of Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States, is widely regarded as one of the greatest figures in American history. His leadership during the Civil War and his unwavering commitment to preserving the Union have earned him a place of honor in the annals of history. However, beyond the well-known facts of his life, there lies a wealth of folklore and legend that has shaped the legacy of this extraordinary man.



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This book delves into the captivating tales and legends that have been passed down through generations, adding to the myth and mystique of Abraham Lincoln. From his humble beginnings to his extraordinary leadership during the Civil War, these stories offer a unique glimpse into the life and times of a legendary figure whose impact continues to resonate today.

Early Life and Tall Tales

Lincoln's early life was marked by poverty and hardship. Born in a log cabin in Kentucky, he received little formal education and worked various odd jobs to support his family. Despite these challenges, stories of his strength, intelligence, and wit began to circulate.

One of the most famous tall tales about Lincoln's youth is the story of his wrestling match with Jack Armstrong. Armstrong, a local bully, challenged Lincoln to a fight, and despite being smaller and less experienced, Lincoln emerged victorious. This story not only showcases Lincoln's physical prowess but also highlights his determination and refusal to back down from a challenge.

Another popular legend from Lincoln's early life is the tale of the long-legged tailor. It is said that Lincoln once visited a tailor to have a suit made. However, the tailor was notorious for his laziness and kept postponing the work. In frustration, Lincoln took matters into his own hands and measured the tailor with a pair of tongs. The tailor, realizing Lincoln's impatience, quickly completed the suit.

Political Career and the Civil War

As Lincoln's political career blossomed, so too did the legends surrounding him. During the presidential campaign of 1860, a story circulated about Lincoln's honesty. It was said that he once walked several miles to return a few cents that had been overpaid to him at a store.

During the Civil War, Lincoln's leadership was tested by the horrors of the conflict. Despite the immense pressures, he maintained his resolve to preserve the Union and end slavery. One legend tells of a time when

Lincoln visited a battlefield hospital and met with a dying soldier. The soldier expressed his doubts about the cause they were fighting for, but Lincoln's words of encouragement gave him hope.

Another famous story from the war is the tale of Lincoln's clemency. It is said that after the capture of Confederate General Robert E. Lee, Lincoln received a letter from Lee's wife begging for mercy. Lincoln, despite being pressured to execute Lee, granted him a pardon.

Legacy and Impact

Abraham Lincoln's assassination in 1865 shocked the nation and cemented his place as a martyr for the cause of freedom and unity. In the years that followed, his legend continued to grow, with countless stories and anecdotes adding to his mystique.

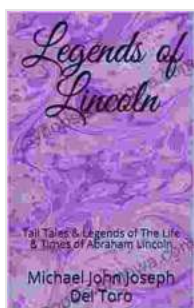
Lincoln's legacy as a great orator is well-known, and his Gettysburg Address is considered one of the most iconic speeches in American history. However, lesser-known stories about his wit and humor also abound. One popular tale tells of a time when Lincoln was asked if he thought he was a handsome man. He replied, "If I were any handsomer, I couldn't walk the street."

The stories and legends that surround Abraham Lincoln provide a fascinating glimpse into the life and times of one of America's most iconic presidents. They offer a deeper understanding of his character, his motivations, and his enduring impact on the nation.

The tall tales and legends of Abraham Lincoln have not only shaped the legacy of this extraordinary man but have also become an integral part of American folklore. They serve as a reminder of his strength, determination,

and unwavering commitment to the ideals of freedom and equality. As we delve into these stories, we gain a deeper appreciation for the human side of a legendary figure and the enduring impact he has had on our history and culture.

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