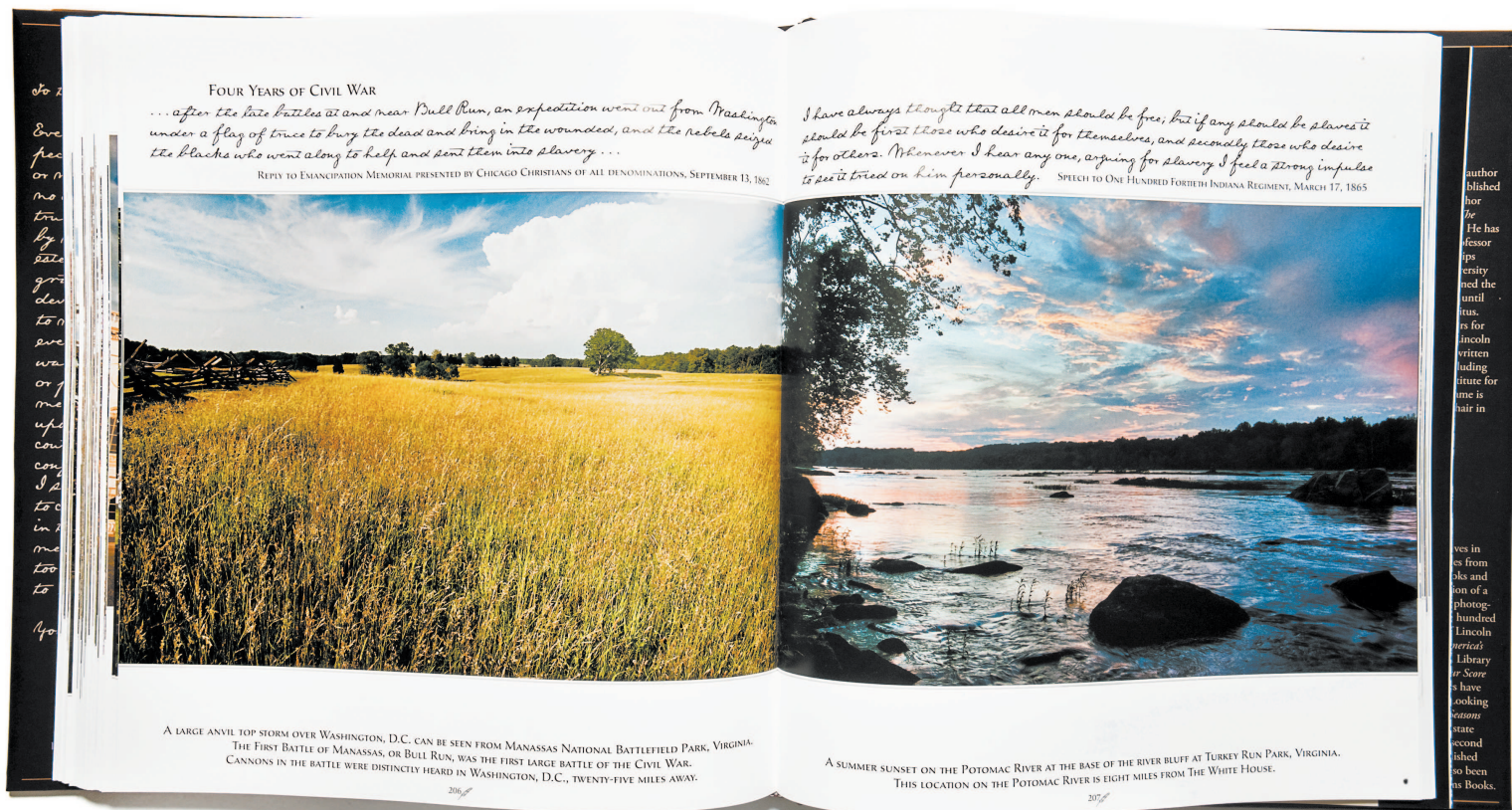


Abe's scrapbook

Travelogue follows Lincoln's presidential trail



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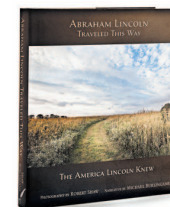
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In "Abraham Lincoln Traveled This Way," photographer Robert Shaw and historian Michael Burlingame have created a meticulous visual travelogue retracing the 16th president's journeys. The book feels like a scrapbook, piecing together dramatic landscapes with historical notes as well as fragments of Lincoln's letters and speeches. It's perfect for the person who can't pass up a roadside historical marker.

The book takes readers from Sinking Spring Farm, an hour south of Louisville — an "unpromising homestead of infertile ground," writes Burlingame, a University of Illinois Lincoln scholar. It moves through Indiana to young Lincoln's first Illinois home on the Sangamon River, offering images of the office where he served as postmaster (at left). It discusses his years in Springfield and the role train travel played in helping Lincoln campaign in the Northeast. And it leads us out onto the battlefields of the Civil War — nowadays grassy fields under blue skies (like the Manassas National Battlefield Park, shown above) — where Lincoln inspected troops and, in some instances, even visited the frontlines during action.

It would make a fantastic guidebook for modern-day travelers, were it not so heavy. Best to leave it at home to peruse once you've passed by all those roadside markers.

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