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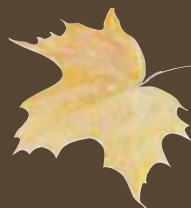
A COLLECTION OF DRAMATIC PLAYS ON THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF AMERICA'S CIVIL WAR PRESIDENT

Abraham Lincoln remains one of history's most enduring figures. He is widely regarded as the physical manifestation of democracy the world over. To many, Lincoln still represents what Americans can be at their noblest, at their best. He has been called: Great Emancipator, Honest Abe, Savior of the Union and even Man of the Millennium. More books have been written about Lincoln than almost any other subject. In fact, so much has been written about the sixteenth president that the sheer volume of it tends to obscure who Lincoln really was. He was more than a caricature. Lincoln's true greatness stemmed from his ability to overcome poverty and personal adversity. His unwavering faith in the basic goodness and intelligence of the common people explains his determination to preserve the Union at all costs, and with it, the experiment in self-government, as embodied by the Declaration of Independence.

All four plays are organized in sequential order, starting with Lincoln's birth and culminating in the tragedy of his assassination. Within the play, there are numerous stage directions indicated by *[italics]* to aid in direction of each production. They are age-appropriate for middle school, high school and community drama organizations. Complete citations are contained in the endnotes so as to make the book scholarly as well as user-friendly. A full bibliography and collection of Lincoln-era photographs completes the volume. It is hoped that *Lincoln for the Stages* will become an important addition to the drama collections of educational institutions all over the nation.

*"Now He Belongs  
to the Ages"*

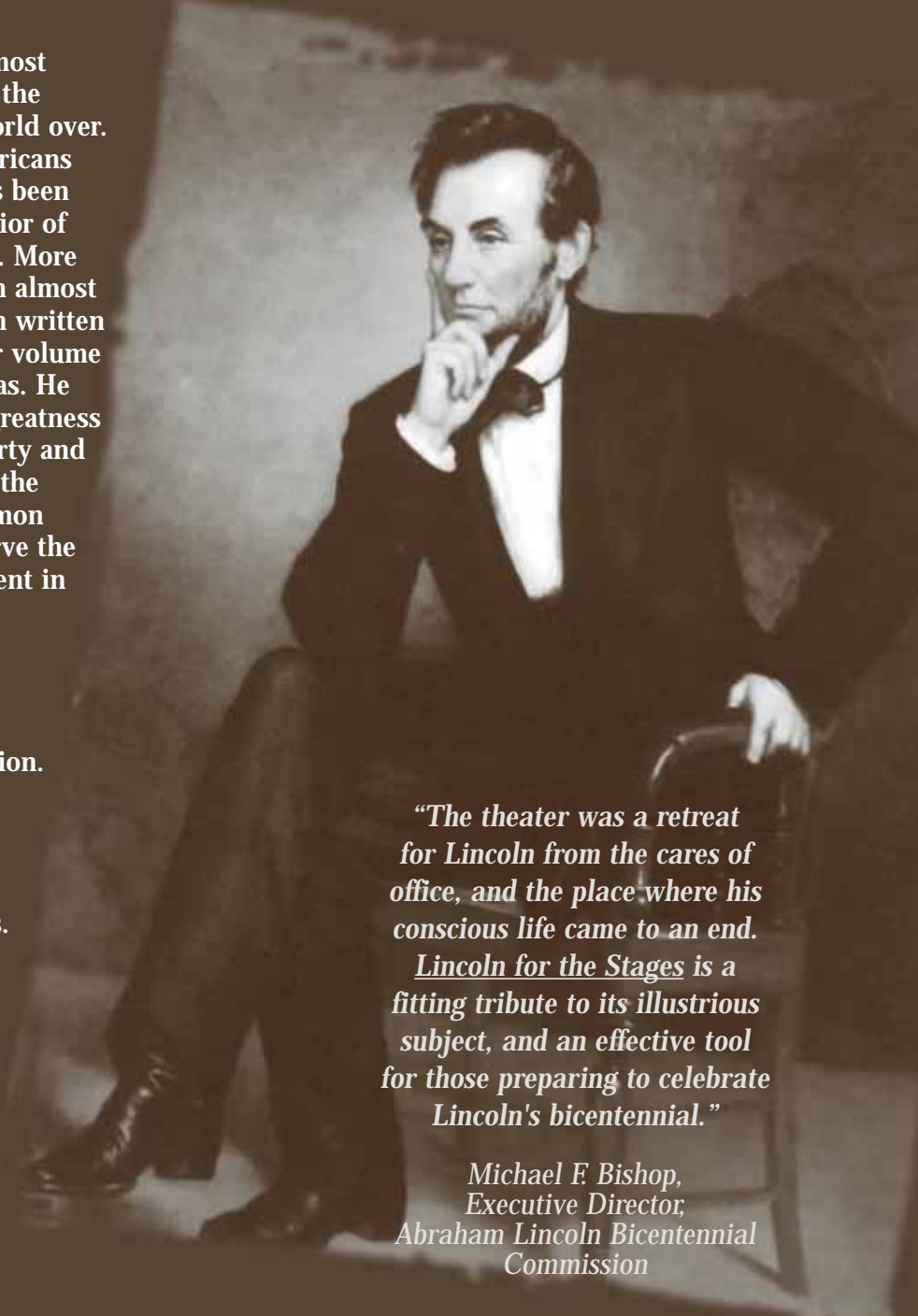
-Secretary of War, Edwin M. Stanton



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*"The theater was a retreat for Lincoln from the cares of office, and the place where his conscious life came to an end.*

*Lincoln for the Stages is a fitting tribute to its illustrious subject, and an effective tool for those preparing to celebrate Lincoln's bicentennial."*

Michael F. Bishop,  
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