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Mr. Lincoln's Boys

by Staton Rabin • illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline 978-0-670-06169-3 (HC) • \$16.99

Tad and Willie, Abraham Lincoln's two youngest sons, were mischievous pranksters who treated the White House as their personal playground. They tormented nearly everyone they encountered—except their doting father. For him, the boys were a welcome distraction from the looming Civil War. Based on true events, *Mr. Lincoln's Boys* reveals a playful side of one of history's greatest presidents.

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Abraham Lincoln grew up poor and without schooling in a Kentucky wilderness and lost his mother before he was ten. When sparkplug Sally Bush Johnson married his father, brought a library of books home to their log cabin, and believed in Abe, that was the turning point for young Abe and helped shape him into the man who would be America's sixteenth president.





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ACTIVITIES FOR YOUR CLASSROOM

- ★ Sally Bush Johnson influenced Abraham Lincoln's life and helped to shape who he would become. Organize a discussion or assign a writing project about the ways in which Sally helped Abe. Take it a step further and ask your students to describe important people and turning points that have helped to shape their own lives or the lives of other famous Americans.
- ★ Have your students list some of the things that Abraham Lincoln accomplished when he was president. Ask them to think about what childhood experiences may have led to Abraham Lincoln's later beliefs and accomplishments.
- ★ Matt Faulkner and Bagram Ibatoulline both did illustrations based on historical events. For an art project, bring in photographs of Abe Lincoln and pictures of what life would have been like when he was alive. Have your students could create another image from Abe Lincoln's life inspired by these books.
- ★ Have your students think about Tad and Willie's life in the White House—what things did they do that other children

would not have been able to do? In what ways were their lives the same as other children's? What would your students do if they could live in the White House?

- ★ Brainstorm with your class the ways in which the Civil War would have affected the White House. Have them think about how those issues also affected the ways in which Tad and Willie played. Ask them choose examples from *Mr. Lincoln's Boys*.
- ★ Abraham Lincoln gives Tad and Willie's doll, Jack, a pardon, but only after asking questions about Jack's service. Ask your students to research real pardon cases during the Civil War. You can also have them write a script and act out an example of a pardon case.
- ★ In the back of *Mr. Lincoln's Boys*, the author provides some biographical information on the characters in the book. Base a research project on these historical figures, or ask students to research other events in those individual's lives and write a story based around those events.

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