

## **Chasing Lincoln's Killer**

**James L. Swanson**

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James L. Swanson was fascinated with the 16th president ever since he was young. On his 10th birthday, his grandmother gifts him an article that detailed Lincoln's assassination. But the newspaper article doesn't tell the whole story, thus inspiring Swanson to write *Chasing Lincoln's Killer*. He recounts the harrowing assassination of President Abraham and the government's scramble to search for the one responsible. Swanson's reveals John Wilke Booth's sinister plot to murder the 16th president of the United States of America and the effects it had on the people close to Lincoln, along with the entire nation itself.

I've never always been a fan of nonfiction, but James L. Swanson's narrative style makes *Chasing Lincoln's Killer* enjoyable to read. Swanson make great work of other sources, including newspapers, portraits, photos, and other images to provide readers with an in-depth investigation into the details behind Lincoln's death and its impact. *Chasing Lincoln's Killer* has taught me many new things that I had not known about our 16th president's death, especially regarding the other attempted murders that coincide with his and the giant manhunt for the most wanted man in America at the time. Swanson includes all the people who were connected to Lincoln's assassination and their experiences surrounding it. This inclusion really helps heighten the reading experience, as it allows for a variety of perspectives. All in all, I really appreciated *Chasing Lincoln's Killer*, I was able to better understand the events leading up to and after Lincoln's assassination.

This book is about Lincoln's assassination, so it includes a rather detailed account of his death and that can be a bit gruesome for some readers. Which is why I recommend this book to anyone 12 years or older. Swanson's book would make a great gift to fans of history and anyone who wants to know more about President Lincoln's assassination.

### **Recommended Titles:**

End of Days: The Assassination of John F. Kennedy by James L. Swanson

Manhunt: The Twelve Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer by James L. Swanson

Good Brother, Bad Brother: The Story of Edwin Booth and John Wilkes Booth by James Cross Giblin

The Gettysburg Address: A Graphic Adaptation by Jonathon Hennessey

Lincoln's Grave Robbers by Steve Sheinkin