

Abraham Lincoln

A Novel Life

Tony Wolk

This is the story of a man of dreams and premonition, but this is not a dream. Imagine for a moment, a man who finds himself transported ninety years in the future. Relieved of the burdens of a terrible war and loss of his child, he finds peace and understanding in the company and arms of a grieving widow. But before he can even begin to comprehend the future he sees and his feelings for this woman he has met here he is inexplicably transported back to his own time. This man is Abraham Lincoln.

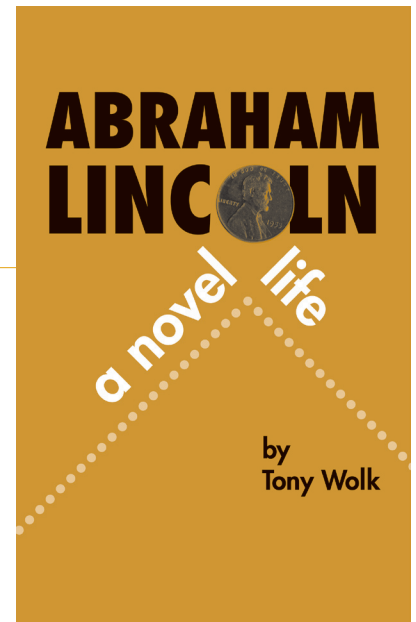
Easter weekend, 1955, and Abraham Lincoln finds himself in Evanston, Illinois, mysteriously transported from 1865 at the height of the Civil War. He encounters a future society, idealized images of himself, reminiscences of friends and acquaintances long dead, and rare understanding from a woman very different from his troubled wife. He returns to his own time, restored by his experience of the future and determined, as ever, to preserve the Union.

Writer and scholar Tony Wolk has been fascinated by Lincoln, “the essence of a good man,” for four decades. In this novel, Wolk skillfully blends history, fantasy, and the writer’s craft to bring Abraham Lincoln to life—Lincoln the man of flesh and blood as well as Lincoln the President. Readers emerge from a mesmerizing read with the sense of having been in Lincoln’s head and in his heart. Henceforth, references to Abraham Lincoln have a personal meaning: “The Father of Us All” is no longer a stranger.

Many wonderful things have been written about Abraham Lincoln, but never anything like this poignant, pixilated tale of the past turning to the future and the future to the past.

— Ursula Le Guin

If I could magically grant Abraham Lincoln the gift of a day—an extra day outside the arc of his life, a day apart from the cataclysm of war, a day of comfort and surprise and hope—I can imagine none better than the day Tony Wolk has given him in Abraham Lincoln, A Novel Life, and no better companion to spend that day



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