

ABRAHAM LINCOLN - The Prairie Years (2 Vols.)

By Carl Sandburg

From childhood on Lincoln was intensely companionable, keenly sensitive to the words and ways of people around him. The backgrounds on which the Lincoln life moved, had its rise and flow, are these people, their homes, occupations, schools, churches, politics.

This is the story of a man fettered by poverty, ill health, discouragement, and the death of his mother when he was eleven years of age. But he possessed humanistic qualities unsurpassed by the great majority of the world's leaders.

Being of southern lineage myself and having both grandfathers captured by Grant, the war's animosities could not change my deep appreciation and devotion for one of the greatest of men. His life is portrayed by Sandburg with the skill and understanding of a poet and artist.