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0 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Not a fool, but Carroll would love modern day media attention!By Cheyenne AnnI discovered Anna Carroll while reading William Safire's *Freedom*. I could tell he liked this character, so I did some research. Anna Carroll was an attention seeker. She inflated her importance and contributions even a decade after the war. She did this for two reasons: attention and money. Never married, well educated, she was the typical bluestocking of the day. No money, no man. Every interaction Carroll had with politicians of the time were expanded to overstate the relationship and her contribution to the politician's success. I doubt she had more than a couple face to face interactions with Lincoln, much less any serious discussion about war strategy. Always one to take the opportunity to polish her image, Anna Ella Carroll was not hesitant to play the "helpless woman" card whenever it seemed advantageous. This book is well written. No author's preconceptions--just hypothesis based on letters and publications.

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