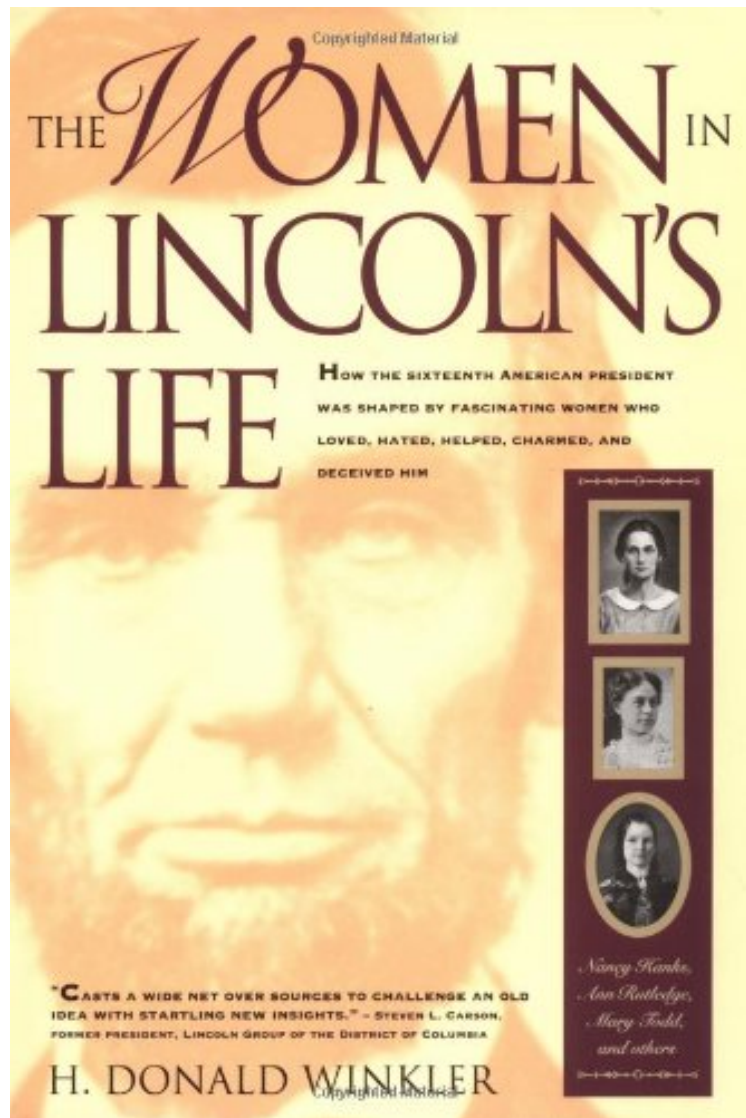


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biography to be colored miserably by his dislike of Mary Lincoln. All indications show that Ann Rutledge's death was indeed a factor in Lincoln's melancholy, but it was not the cause. Although Mary and Abraham had completely opposite personalities, and indeed Mary's was volatile and Lincoln's sanguine, they both honored each other, complemented each other, comforted one another and were at least attracted enough to one another to have conceived 4 children. To the contrary, I find that Mr. Winkler is too apt to color his writing with great prejudice because of his connection to the Rutledge family. Often before or after using a direct quote from those who knew Lincoln, he makes a great leap of opinion into what he believes Lincoln's emotions or reactions would have been. I believe one must look at the actual actions of Lincoln over time instead of interpolating from statements made out of context. Example: From Lincoln's description of his birth mother 'want of teeth and weather-beaten appearance', Mr. Winkler says that Lincoln was "ashamed" of his mother. Also he states that Lincoln's description was "callous". I believe it to just be factual. Lincoln was truthful to the point of lack of political correctness. By all accounts Lincoln loved and was loved by Nancy Hanks. Example: Mr. Winkler has attached a 'sexual intent' on the part of Matilda, Lincoln's step sister. The account was very accurate. She did follow the big brother she admired, and played a trick on him by jumping on his back, which resulted in an injury, and a lesson to her by her "big brother" to always tell the whole truth. Mr. Winkler prefaces this account with the words "Abe and his stepsister Matilda ...developed a frisky interest in each other when she was 13 and he was 16" No one else ever put that connotation on the event, and frankly I find it offensive. There is way too much opinion and projection in this book for me to read it as a biography. It idolizes Mr. Winkler's family perhaps to make them more important than they were and give them more importance than they deserve in the unfolding history of Abraham Lincoln. Now I have imputed motive possibly unfairly to Mr. Winkler. But then, I am not attempting to write a history, merely an opinion. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Biased Misrepresentation of Facts By Tiffany Bowles While this book's lengthy bibliography gives it the appearance of being well-researched, it quickly becomes apparent to the reader that the author is twisting facts to tell his own version of a very important story. Mr. Winkler states in the book's introduction that he is a descendant of Lincoln's supposed first love Ann Rutledge, and unfortunately Mr. Winkler is not able to put aside his biases against the woman who turned out to be Lincoln's life-long love: Mary Todd Lincoln. Basically this book tries to paint Mary Todd as a selfish woman who made President Lincoln miserable for his whole life. Mr. Winkler even makes the ridiculous assertion that Mary's contrary personality somehow played a part in President Lincoln's assassination. While there is evidence that Mary sometimes exhibited a difficult personality, there are also countless sources relating to Mary's good nature and to the happiness that she and President Lincoln experienced as a married couple. If the negative sources are the only sources you cite, as this author did, then you paint a skewed picture of how things actually were. This author did not tell both sides of the story--only the side that would make Ann Rutledge look like the perfect woman who would have made Lincoln so much happier had she lived to become his wife. I do not recommend this book.

The tumultuous experiences Abraham Lincoln had with the women in his life have long been known, but here the stories have been brought together - and filled out with newly discovered accounts - in a fresh, new way that shows their effect on Lincoln's personality, ambition, and spirit: The death of his mother when he was nine years old gave him a feeling of abandonment. The discovery that his mother's ancestry and reputation were scandalous and that he may have been illegitimate. The unexpected death of his beloved sister, Sarah. The untimely death of Ann Rutledge, probably the only woman with whom Lincoln shared a deep, wonderful love. His sudden and unexpected marriage to Mary Todd, a marriage that was Lincoln's greatest tragedy. Not overlooked are the positive impacts of women on Lincoln and he on them, especially his stepmother - the first person to treat him with respect. This in-depth book reveals the effect that women had on Abraham Lincoln's life and career.