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He Has Shot the President!

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Book Review

Title: He Has Shot the President!

Author: Don Brown

Reviewer: Kristie Hinckley

Publisher: Roaring Book Press

Year: 2014

ISBN: 9781596432246

Pages: 64

Interest Level: Young Adult

Rating: Excellent



Review

He Has Shot the President! recounts the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln by John Wilkes Booth. Booth, a popular and handsome actor who regularly performed at Ford's Theater, knew that Lincoln planned to be at the theater that night. He didn't agree with Lincoln's political decisions so he plotted to kill Lincoln, carrying out his assassination. When Booth shot Lincoln during the show, confused audience members initially thought it was part of the show. This book also recounts the aftermath of Lincoln's assassination, the attempted assassination of Secretary of State William Seward and President Andrew Johnson, and the eventual capture and killing of Booth.

This informational text about the assassination of President Lincoln is full of details that may have been previously unknown to many readers. The true account is full of violence, such as the hanging of four men and others who are shot, but the accounts are portrayed in an appropriate way in the text and illustrations. Sources are accurately cited, making it easy for readers to learn even more about this event outside of the book. Don Brown's illustrations are full of detail and emotion, engaging readers from beginning to end!