Lincoln Logs Creator: John Lloyd Wright

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Lincoln Logs have been a classic childhood toy since their conception in 1916. While working on the Imperial Hotel in Japan, John Lloyd Wright and his father, Frank Lloyd Wright, created a structure of notched wood beams that locked together to withstand earthquakes. John Lloyd Wright used this inspiration to produce toy construction blocks that were less likely to fall. He named them Lincoln Logs after President Abraham Lincoln’s childhood cabin. Lincoln Logs have remained a staple in American toys for over 100 years.

As part of the Toy Trailblazers series, this nonfiction book interweaves a biography of John Lloyd Wright with a history of Lincoln Logs. It includes more of Wright’s other toy inventions and some of the reasons for the popularity of Lincoln Logs. Each page contains fun facts and photographs of people, toys, and architecture. The book also includes a helpful table of contents, a timeline, a glossary of vocabulary, and an index. This book would appeal to budding toy-creators and toy construction enthusiasts alike. Lincoln Logs have inspired toy architecture for millions of children.