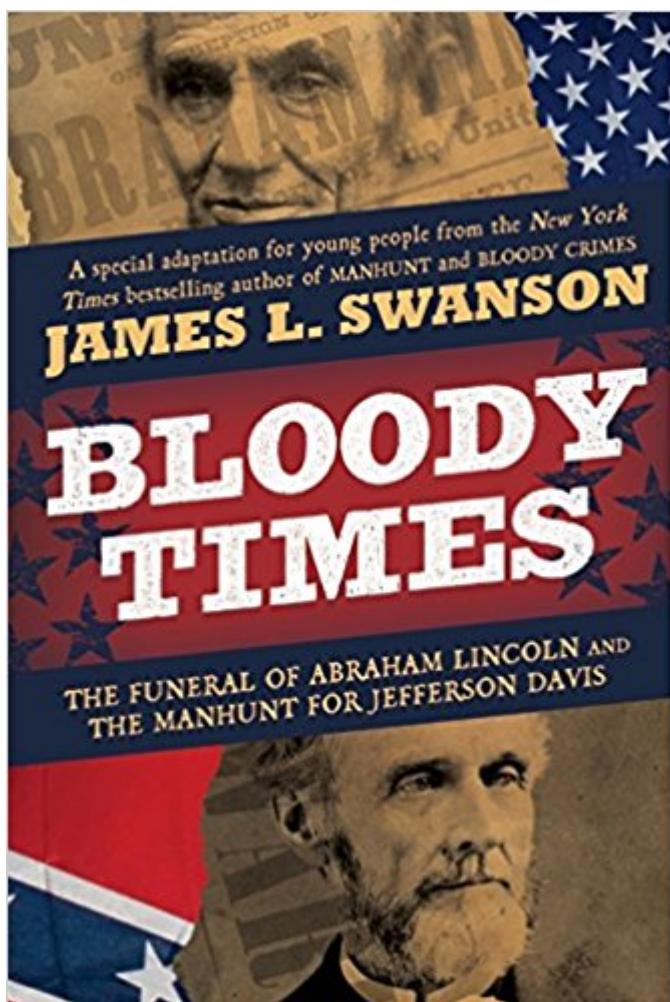


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# Bloody Times: The Funeral Of Abraham Lincoln And The Manhunt For Jefferson Davis



## Synopsis

A suspense-filled true-crime thriller that brings to life two epic events of the Civil War era: the chase to apprehend Confederate president Jefferson Davis and the momentous 20-day funeral that took Abraham Lincoln's body home to Springfield following his assassination. Bloody Times is New York Times bestselling author James L. Swanson's young readers' adaptation of his acclaimed book for adults Bloody Crimes. A true tale full of fascinating twists and turns, and lavishly illustrated with dozens of rare historical images—some never before seen. Bloody Times captures the riveting stories of these two influential men as they made their last journeys through the bloody landscape of a wounded nation. This young readers' edition contains a note from the author, a glossary, a list of important figures of the Civil War era, and a guide to visiting the sites mentioned in the book.

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## Customer Reviews

New York Times bestselling author of *Manhunt* James L. Swanson creates an adaptation for young people of his adult book *Bloody Crimes*, a suspense-filled thriller that sheds light on two fallen leaders of the North and South. One man, President Lincoln, assassinated, on his way to the grave. Another man, the president of the Confederacy, Jefferson Davis, on the run, soon to be sent to prison. Their actions forever changed the history of a nation. On the morning of April 2, 1865, Davis received a telegram from General Robert E. Lee. There is no more time—the Yankees are coming, it warned. That night Davis fled Richmond, setting off an intense manhunt for the Confederate president. Two weeks later, President Lincoln was assassinated, and the nation was

convinced that Davis was involved in the conspiracy that led to the crime. Lincoln's murder, autopsy, and White House funeral transfixed the nation. His final journey began when soldiers placed his corpse aboard a special train that would carry him home to Springfield, Illinois. Along the way, more than a million Americans looked upon their martyr's face, and several million watched the funeral train roll by. It was the most magnificent funeral pageant in American history. James L. Swanson captures the riveting stories of these two influential men as they made their last journeys through the bloody landscape of a wounded nation.

James Swanson is the Edgar Award-winning author of the New York Times bestsellers *Manhunt* and its sequel, *Bloody Crimes*.

Author James Swanson has provided young people with a wonderful follow-up to his previous book entitled *Chasing Lincoln's Killer*. *Bloody Times* is the young peoples' version of *Bloody Crimes* which picks up where *Chasing Lincoln's Killer* left off. People are aware of John Wilkes Booth's assassination of President Lincoln and the subsequent chase that ensued. Swanson now takes young readers to the care taken to preserve Lincoln's corpse for the return round-about 18 day train ride to Springfield, Illinois for burial. This is also the story of the hunt for Confederate President Jefferson Davis who Union officials were erroneously convinced was behind Lincoln's assassination. The book's strength is in using a condensed version of his adult version entitled *Bloody Crimes* with an appropriate vocabulary suitable for younger readers. It would be very beneficial if more authors wrote versions of their books suitable for middle school age students. Swanson's two books entitled *Chasing Lincoln's Killer* and *Bloody Times* are excellent ideas for making history interesting reading for younger readers.

This was truly an enlightening book. One beloved character about whom we think we know so much, is made more human in death. One character who has been reviled by history is given a humanness and nobleness denied him across the ages. The evenhandedness with which James Swanson approaches these two fully American men of history is, by itself, worth the read. But he does so much more than that. He brings them both back to life and teaches us lessons in so doing.

Excellent Book. Well written and based on real evidence & fact, not like some of the made up revisionist crap being written. Highly recommended!

good account of the times

Enjoyable, educating, history of hate and love of the people. Two men and their beliefs. Read it just because I like history

Son read it for school. Says it was good and kept him interested. He learned, enough said. Three more words

I teach middle school and after students thoroughly enjoyed "Chasing Lincoln's Killer," I purchased "Bloody Times" and everyone likes it, too! Both of them are wonderful, historical nonfiction and the ones who read them like them a great deal.

I learned several new things about the end of the war in the South, including General Lee's final battle, and the fall of Richmond.

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