

Historians Praise *Lincoln: A Life of Purpose and Power*

“As commander in chief in a war for the very survival of the United States, Abraham Lincoln wielded enormous power, which he infused with unequaled moral purpose and religious clarity. Richard Carwardine explains the wellsprings of these extraordinary qualities of Lincoln’s leadership better than any other biographer.”

—James M. McPherson, Princeton University



“Carwardine succeeds brilliantly in comprehending both the pragmatic and moral dimensions of Lincoln the political leader. No other historian has penetrated so incisively and handled so deftly Lincoln as practical politician and Lincoln as moralist.”

—William J. Cooper, Louisiana State University



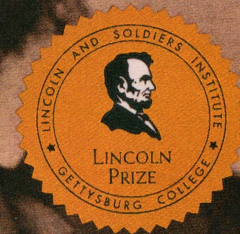
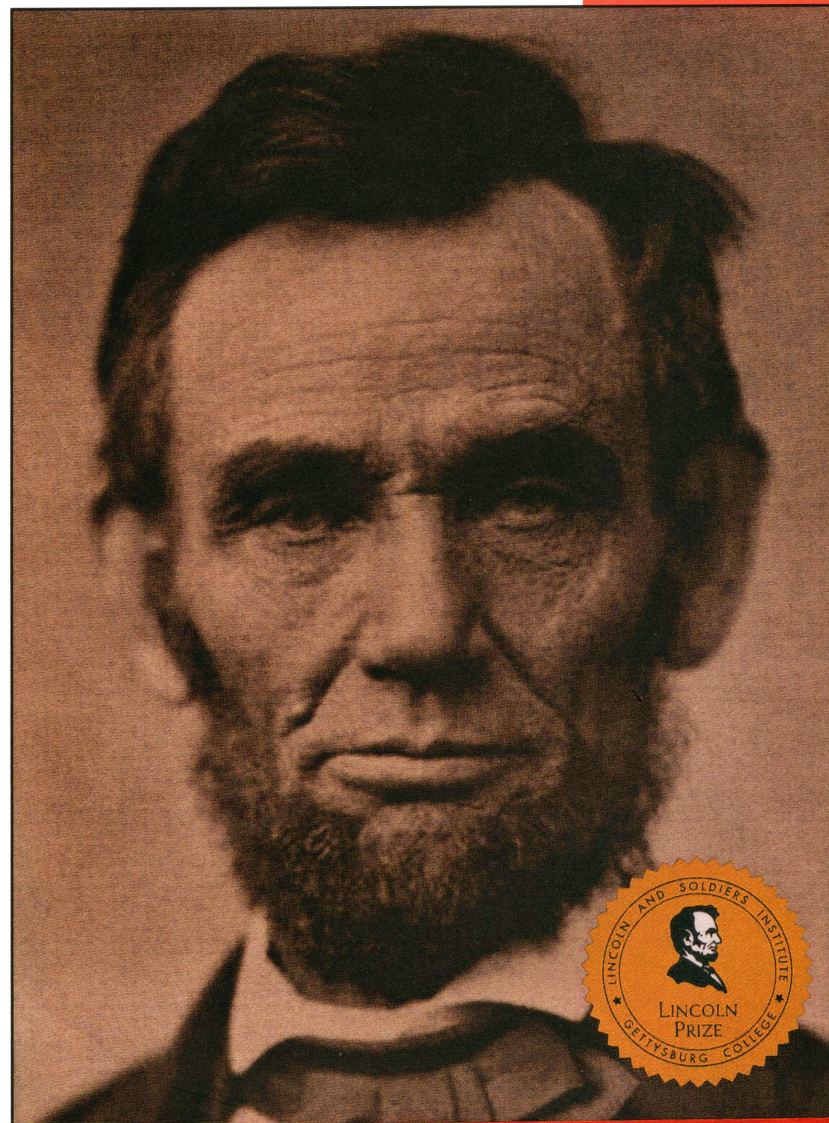
“In the very crowded shelves containing books about Abraham Lincoln, Professor Carwardine has added a superbly conceived and crafted study, filled with fresh perspectives that add a great deal to our understanding of the sixteenth president. It is a great achievement.”

—Joel H. Silbey, Cornell University



“The Atlantic can serve as a wonderful clarifying prism. Oxford don Richard Carwardine looks across it and paints a remarkable picture of the greatest of the Americans who fused the secular and the sacred.”

—Gabor S. Boritt, Civil War Institute, Gettysburg College



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About Richard Carwardine

Richard Carwardine is the author of *Lincoln: A Life of Purpose and Power*, first published in England by Pearson/Longman in 2003 and followed by an American edition issued by Alfred A. Knopf in 2006. In 2004 the volume received the prestigious Lincoln Prize from the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College, which carries the largest purse of any prize in American history. "This is the biography of Lincoln the world has been waiting for," commented Lewis Lehrman, who, along with Richard Gilder, endowed the Lincoln Prize. "Richard Carwardine has drawn a powerful portrait that highlights Lincoln's moral convictions and his political acumen, his respect for ideas and his mastery of public opinion."

Carwardine, who received his M.A. and D.Phil. degrees from Oxford, taught at the University of Sheffield until 2002, when he went to Oxford as Rhodes Professor of American History. He has published two major studies prior to the work on Lincoln: *Transatlantic Revivalism: Popular Evangelicalism in Britain and America, 1795-1865* (Greenwood Press, 1978) and *Evangelicals and Politics in Antebellum America* (Yale University Press, 1993). His current research looks at the role of religion in the evolution of America between the Revolutionary and Civil Wars.

Inaugurating the Hatfield Lecture

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Abraham Lincoln's Leadership

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