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Editorial Review

Review

An Affectionate Farewell: The Story of Old Bob and Old Abe is a children's picturebook about President Abraham Lincoln, who presided during the Civil War and oversaw the end of legal slavery in America. But it is also about Abraham Lincoln as a person, known for his kindness toward animals and humans alike. Along with the more well-known stories of such as how Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, and the tragedy of his assassination, are little-known true tales of Lincoln's boyhood and adulthood. For example, when Lincoln was a child he had a beloved pet pig that he trained to play hide-and-seek, only to be horrified on the day when his father butchered it for food. Young Lincoln also stopped a group of boys from tormenting a turtle, and wrote an essay against animal cruelty. Lincoln's relationship with his faithful horse "Old Bob" is a recurring story theme. Lincoln even started the presidential tradition of pardoning a turkey, when his young son befriended the fowl that was originally destined to become Thanksgiving dinner for the White House. An Affectionate Farewell contains a fair amount of text, and is ideal for young readers who are just about ready to transition from picturebooks to chapter books. Enlightening, educational, and portraying a strong moral message through both the smallest and the most momentous deeds of a great man, An Affectionate Farewell is enthusiastically recommended for public and school library collections.

(Midwest Book Review)

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