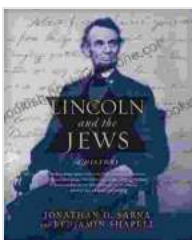


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## Lincoln's Early Years

Lincoln was born in Kentucky in 1809. His parents were not particularly religious, but they did teach him the basic tenets of Christianity. As a young man, Lincoln read the Bible extensively and was particularly drawn to the teachings of Jesus Christ. He also developed a great respect for the Jewish people and their history.



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In 1834, Lincoln moved to Illinois to practice law. He quickly became a successful lawyer and politician. In 1846, he was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. During his time in Congress, Lincoln spoke out against slavery and advocated for the rights of all Americans, including Jews.

## **The Civil War**

In 1860, Lincoln was elected president of the United States. The country was on the brink of civil war, and Lincoln's election was seen as a sign of hope for those who opposed slavery. Jews were among Lincoln's most ardent supporters, and they played a significant role in his election victory.

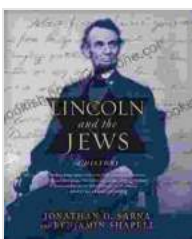
During the Civil War, Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which freed all slaves in the Confederacy. This was a major victory for the cause of abolition, and it earned Lincoln the respect and admiration of Jews around the world.

## **Lincoln's Legacy**

Lincoln was assassinated in 1865, but his legacy continues to live on. He is remembered as one of the greatest presidents in American history, and his commitment to equality and justice for all remains an inspiration to people around the world.

Lincoln's relationship with the Jewish community is a testament to his character and his belief in the equality of all people. He saw Jews as his equals, and he respected their intelligence and contributions to society. In return, Jews were some of Lincoln's most loyal supporters, and they played a significant role in his election to the presidency in 1860.

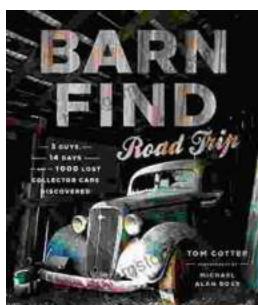
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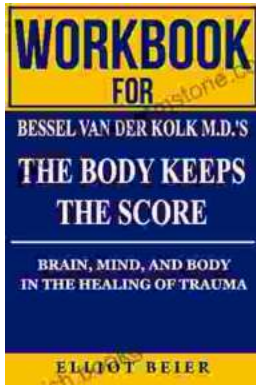
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