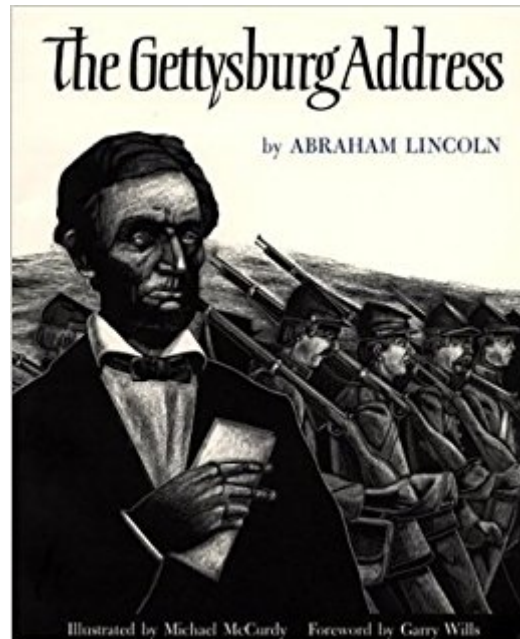




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# The Gettysburg Address



## Synopsis

The words of President Abraham Lincoln in the Gettysburg Address are as relevant and meaningful today as they were in 1863. This magnificent book is a stunning exploration of some of the most powerful words ever spoken in American history.

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## Customer Reviews

McCurdy creates powerful, large-scale black-and-white illustrations like those in his *Giants in the Land* to match Abraham Lincoln's classic speech in this handsome volume. On oversize pages, scenes of Lincoln delivering the address at the Gettysburg battlefield alternate with visualizations of the imagery contained in it. For example, a line of people carrying building tools marches across the pages as Lincoln proclaims that "it is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work." As Lincoln concludes, resolving that "government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth," the cheering crowd gazes out from the page into the future—a fitting conclusion to an American classic made new again. All ages. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

K Up?McCurdy brings the important words of America's 16th president to life for a new generation of children bombarded by violent acts. With just a few lines of Lincoln's speech per double-page

spread, a pace is established that allows the language to sink in and take hold. The wood engravings, depicting sweeping panoramas and crowds that continue beyond the page, provide the dark serious tone and high drama appropriate for the subject. (Interestingly, wood engravings were the choice of Leonard Everett Fisher in his interpretation of The Gettysburg Address [Watts, 1963; o.p.]). The scenes alternate between the action of battle and the quiet artifacts left behind, from a parade of slaves?"all men are created equal," to a processional of spirited laborers?"dedicated...to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced." These are interspersed with views of Lincoln addressing the crowd from various perspectives. A brief foreword by Gary Wills, author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning Lincoln at Gettysburg (S.&S., 1992) provides insight into the reason for the common burial ground. An afterword by the illustrator explains his family connection to the Civil War and, therefore, his inspiration. A valuable addition for every collection. Wendy Lukehart, Dauphin County Library, Harrisburg, PA Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The Gettysburg Address by Abraham Lincoln is 200 words long, in ten sentences, and is one of the masterpieces of American political speech in defending the universality of human rights and the legitimacy of republican government. It is also available for free for those who want to read it from time on their e-readers. Seriously, downloading this document should be a no-brainer. Students used to have to memorize this task, and it is one of those writings that deserves to be read and reflected on over and over again. Given its recognized greatness, I am aware that what I say about this document is entirely redundant, but all the same it's an excellent and worthwhile and very short document to read, and one that deserves its fame.

Watching Steven Spielberg's movie reminded me that I had never actually read the Gettysburg Address. Born and raised in Europe I only learned the highlights and about the speech's historical significance. Reading the famous speech was a riveting experience. The following lines hit home: "It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be rededicated to the great task remaining before us ... Don't these words apply to so many other issues: the extinction of poverty, saving the environment, creating a stable peaceful environment for all and so much more? A must read for all! These lines will never lose significance! Gisela Hausmann, author & blogger

If asked what great Americans past or present I would like to meet, Abraham Lincoln would definitely be in the top 10. His eloquent words stir the mind and the soul. They not only acknowledge the terrible state of our country during the Civil War but also give hope about what our country could become. It's been said that he wrote the Gettysburg Address while suffering from scarlet fever, if so he did an amazing job of overcoming his own pain and suffering to bring hope to our nation.

Historically correct book  
Wonderfully read  
Great great great great  
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President Abraham Lincoln - the greatest American - the greatest war time president - and frontier political genius - uses an economy of words to remind those gathered at Gettysburg on November 19, 1863 as well as posterity of our nation's origin and the high price, paid in blood for our Liberty and the preservation of our Union. A masterful leader, with the soul of a poet, the power and the beauty of Lincoln's words live on forever to augment our pride and belief in our country, our fellowman, and in ourselves as Americans. Over 150 years have passed since "Honest Abe" delivered the Gettysburg Address at the former battlefield turned cemetery - a final resting place consecrated and hallowed by the sacred blood of brothers - of sons - of fathers - of Americans all in the quest to create a more perfect Union. The example, as portrayed by Abraham Lincoln's life, sets the bar high and to meet this challenge we may beg assistance and intervention from the angels of our better nature to light our path and with firmness to the right demonstrate our faith in God's grace to lead us home.

It was a lot shorter than I had thought. Very easy and quick read.

Great read of U.S. History...and it was free for my Kindle!

Abraham Lincoln our 16th President wrote this speech during the Civil War. As a young teen in English class we were expected to memorize and know the importance of this speech. At the time I could not appreciate the dedication and what the speech actually meant. Nor did I realize how this speech could impact my life. The Gettysburg Address expressed freedom and it transcends time. That is why I have it on my kindle. I have it there to remind me of where we as a country were and where we are now. I think of equality when I read this speech. The speech continues to instill the hope that we as a melting pot country can come together as one.

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