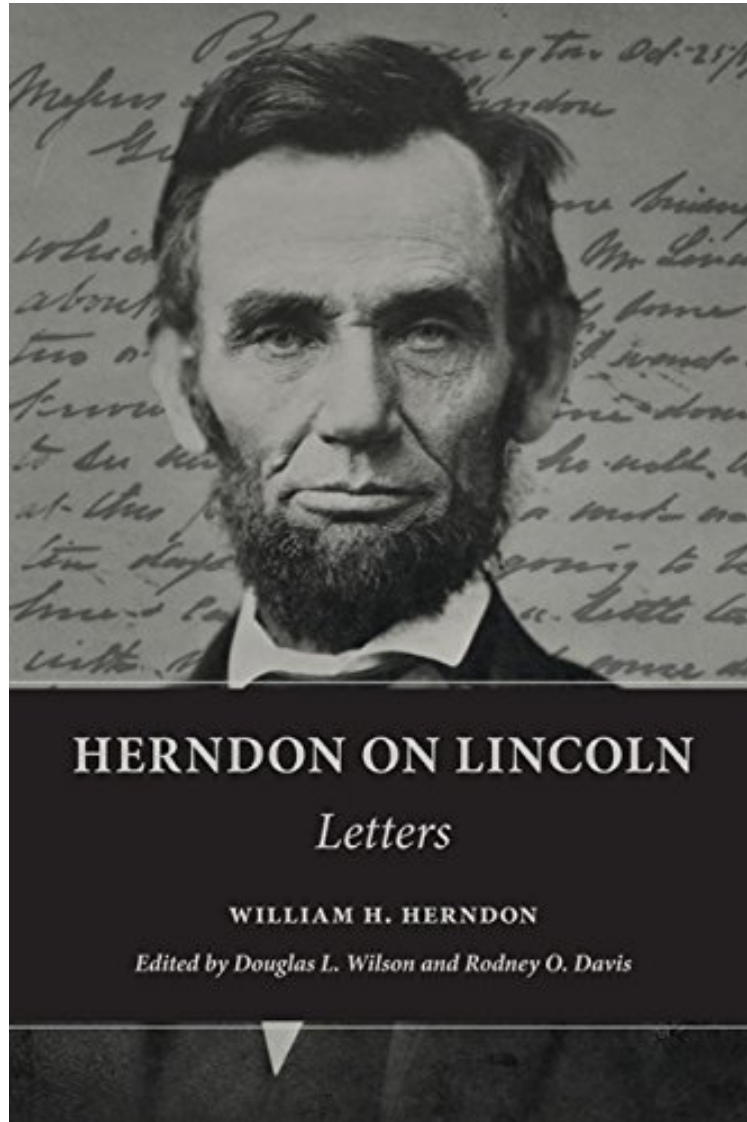


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accurate historical record. Here is an extremely useful and interesting collection of Mr. Herndon's letters addressed not only to his co-author, Jesse W. Weik, but to many others seeking primary or interpretative information on the great president. How Mr. Lincoln's mind operated, the tangled skein of his ancestry, his political maneuvering for office, his hard home life with a difficult wife, and his skeptical thoughts on Christianity--all are explored in these articulate letters. "I describe him to you as I saw him and knew him. I loved the man and worship, as it were his memory. I owe to truth a fidelity and mean to pursue that cause to the End." The editors of this volume of Herndon's letters, Douglas L. Wilson and Rodney O. Davis, are Lincoln scholars of the highest level. This book belongs in the library of all serious students of Abraham Lincoln.

After Abraham Lincoln's assassination in 1865, William H. Herndon began work on a brief, "subjective" biography of his former law partner, but his research turned up such unexpected and often startling information that it became a lifelong obsession. The biography finally published in 1889, Herndon's Lincoln, was a collaboration with Jesse W. Weik in which Herndon provided the materials and Weik did almost all the writing. For this reason, and because so much of what Herndon had to say about Lincoln was not included in the biography, David Donald has observed, "To understand Herndon's own rather peculiar approach to Lincoln biography, one must go back to his letters." An exhaustive collection of what Herndon was told by others about Lincoln was published by Douglas L. Wilson and Rodney O. Davis in Herndon's Informants: Letters, Interviews, and Statements about Abraham Lincoln. In this new volume, Wilson and Davis have produced a comprehensive edition of what Herndon himself wrote about Lincoln in his own letters. Because of Herndon's close association with Lincoln, his intimate acquaintance with his partner's legal and political careers, and because he sought out informants who knew Lincoln and preserved information that might otherwise have been lost, his letters have become an indispensable resource for Lincoln biography. Unfiltered by a collaborator and rendered in Herndon's own distinctive voice, these letters constitute a matchless trove of primary source material. Herndon on Lincoln: Letters is a must for libraries, research institutions, and students of a towering American figure and his times.