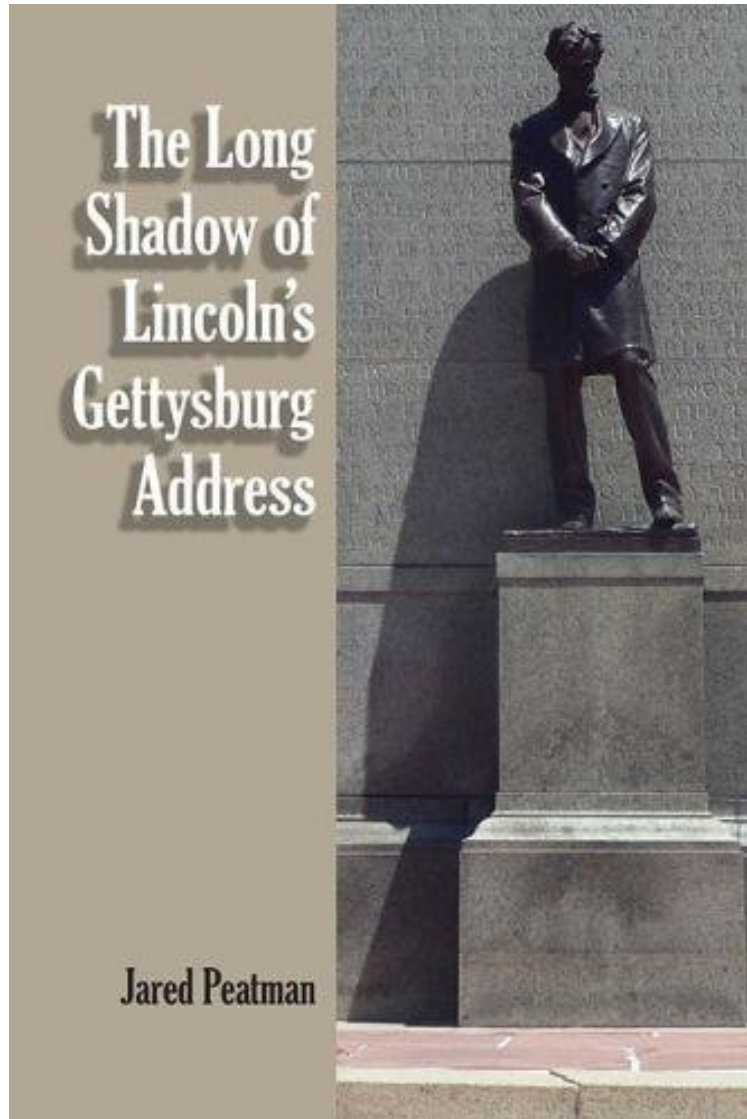


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through his speech an opportunity to hit reset to the basic core of what the Declaration of Independence provided. Flawed as it was by compromise, the main thrust of it, could have been corrected had the country and all of its people who spoke of morality and decency listened to Lincoln's address in its entirety instead of merely cherry picking the parts they felt mouthed their belief structure. What a shame. It led to another 150 years of denial and meanness when it came to political morals and political decency. Peatman's book re-informs us of the great "Address" But I doubt it will get anyone to re-dedicate; to re-consecrate themselves in the direction President Lincoln pointed out in November of 63.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. but for Lincoln lovers and people who dig the GA I highly recommend this book By BraveSoonerFairly obscure book, but for Lincoln lovers and people who dig the GA I highly recommend this book. Well written, covers a lot of NEW ground which is difficult in this area of study. Well Done!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This is a very concise, well-written study of those ...By Don H. DoyleThis is a very concise, well-written study of those few words Lincoln spoke at Gettysburg and how they have resonated over time and around the world. Peatman writes well and he's thoughtful.

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