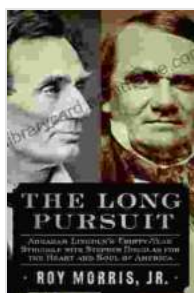


# Abraham Lincoln's Thirty-Year Struggle with Stephen Douglas for the Heart and Soul of America

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## Early Years

Abraham Lincoln was born in Kentucky in 1809. He grew up in poverty and had little formal education. Despite these challenges, he was a voracious reader and became a self-taught lawyer. Stephen Douglas was born in Vermont in 1813. He was the son of a well-to-do merchant and had a more

privileged upbringing than Lincoln. Douglas graduated from college and studied law before moving to Illinois.

## **The Rivalry Begins**

Lincoln and Douglas first met in 1834, when they were both serving in the Illinois legislature. They quickly became political rivals, with Lincoln representing the Whig Party and Douglas representing the Democratic Party. The rivalry intensified in 1846, when Douglas introduced the Kansas-Nebraska Act, which allowed the people of Kansas and Nebraska to decide whether or not to allow slavery in their states. Lincoln opposed the act, arguing that it would lead to the spread of slavery into new territories.

## **The Lincoln-Douglas Debates**

In 1858, Lincoln and Douglas faced off in a series of seven debates for the Illinois Senate seat. The debates were some of the most famous in American history, and they helped to raise Lincoln's national profile. Lincoln argued that slavery was morally wrong and that it should be abolished. Douglas argued that slavery was a necessary evil and that it should be allowed to continue in the South.

## **The Election of 1860**

In 1860, Lincoln and Douglas faced off again for the presidency. Lincoln won the election, and Douglas's defeat marked the end of his political career.

## **The Civil War**

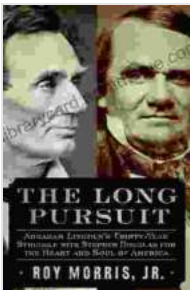
Lincoln's election led to the secession of several Southern states and the outbreak of the Civil War. Douglas supported Lincoln's efforts to preserve

the Union, and he died in 1861 from typhoid fever.

## Legacy

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