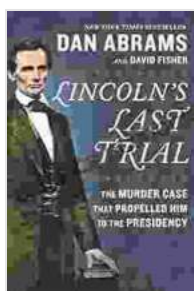


# The Murder Case That Propelled Him To The Presidency: A Riveting Tale of Justice, Power, and the American Dream

In the annals of American history, few figures loom larger than Abraham Lincoln. His rise from humble beginnings to the presidency of a nation torn apart by civil war is a story that has been told and retold countless times. But there is one chapter in Lincoln's life that is often overlooked: the murder case that propelled him to the presidency.



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In 1858, Lincoln was a rising star in the Republican Party. He had served in the Illinois legislature and the U.S. House of Representatives, and he was known for his sharp wit, his eloquence, and his unwavering commitment to the abolition of slavery.

That year, Lincoln was called upon to defend a young man named William "Duff" Armstrong, who had been accused of murdering his friend, James Metzker. The case was a complex one, and the evidence against Armstrong was strong. But Lincoln believed in his client's innocence, and he worked tirelessly to prove it.

The trial was a sensation, and it drew national attention. Lincoln's closing argument was a masterpiece of oratory, and it helped to sway the jury in Armstrong's favor. The young man was acquitted, and Lincoln's reputation as a brilliant lawyer was cemented.

But the Armstrong case was more than just a legal victory for Lincoln. It also played a major role in his political career. The case gave him a national platform to speak out against slavery, and it helped to make him a household name.

When the Republican Party nominated Lincoln for president in 1860, his opponents tried to use the Armstrong case to paint him as a radical abolitionist. But Lincoln refused to be deterred. He defended his record in the case, and he argued that the nation needed to address the issue of slavery head-on.

Lincoln's election was a watershed moment in American history. It marked the beginning of the end of slavery, and it set the stage for the Civil War. But it is also important to remember that Lincoln's rise to the presidency would not have been possible without the Armstrong case.

The Armstrong case is a fascinating story of justice, power, and the American dream. It is a story that sheds light on the character of Abraham Lincoln and the events that shaped his destiny.

## The Armstrong Case: A Timeline

\* \*\*1857:\*\* James Metzker is murdered in Springfield, Illinois. \* \*\*1858:\*\* William "Duff" Armstrong is arrested and charged with Metzker's murder. \* \*\*July 1858:\*\* Abraham Lincoln is hired to defend Armstrong. \* \*\*August 1858:\*\* The Armstrong trial begins. \* \*\*August 21, 1858:\*\* Lincoln delivers his closing argument. \* \*\*August 23, 1858:\*\* The jury acquits Armstrong. \* \*\*1860:\*\* Lincoln is elected president of the United States.

## Lincoln's Legacy

Abraham Lincoln is one of the most revered figures in American history. He is remembered as a great leader who preserved the Union and ended slavery. His legacy continues to inspire people around the world.

Lincoln's success was due in part to his unwavering commitment to justice and equality. He believed that all people are created equal, and he fought tirelessly to ensure that this principle was enshrined in law.

Lincoln's legacy is also due to his ability to connect with people on a personal level. He was a gifted orator who could inspire people with his words. He was also a compassionate man who cared deeply about the welfare of others.

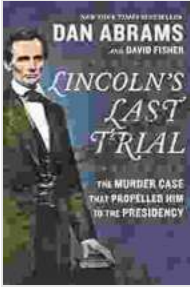
Abraham Lincoln was a complex and remarkable man. He was a brilliant lawyer, a skilled politician, and a compassionate leader. His legacy is one of justice, equality, and hope.

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