

With Malice Toward One
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Book Overview:

Abraham Lincoln once said, “*A comedy is best played; a tragedy is best read at home.*”

At 10:15 PM, April 14, 1865; the 16th President of the United States was murdered while viewing a comedy at Ford’s Theater. Ironically, his assassin was John Wilkes Booth. A famous stage actor, best known for performing tragedies.

John Wilkes Booth once said, “*of all the Shakespearean characters, my favorite role is Brutus - the slayer of a tyrant.*”

This is the true story of the first murder of an American President.

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While Washington D.C. celebrated The Army of the Potomac’s latest victory with a Grand Illumination Ceremony, four men meet in a hotel room overlooking the crowded streets filled with party-goers. Richmond has fallen, and “ The Old Man ,” General Lee has just surrendered to Grant at Appomattox Courthouse. The mood, in room six of the Herndon House Hotel is dire. The original plan was a kidnapping. Booth’s conspirators, Powell, Herold, and Atzerodt sit, quietly listening to him trying to re-motivate them. He uses the sounds of the revelry coming from the streets below to stoke up their anger. Something decisive must be done; a spark is needed to ignite new hope in the Confederate cause. “This Tyrant. This man Lincoln, who should make himself a king, must die!”

This is truly the “*crime of the nineteenth century*“, and the largest manhunt in military history.