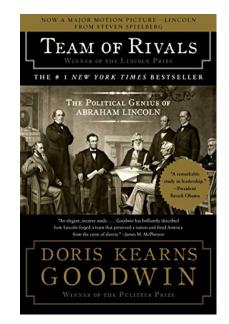
# Team of Rivals Book Summary (PDF) by Doris Kearns Goodwin

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#### Why This Book Matters:

Team of Rivals explains how Abraham Lincoln went from being an unlikely candidate to the leader of the Republican party.

## The Big Takeaways:

- 1. The adolescent years of Abraham Lincoln's life are what fueled his desire always to try a little more.
  - If Abraham Lincoln went through many difficult years as a child and young adult, which shaped his desire to pursue a law career.
- 2. Politics were a rocky place, birthing The Republican Party.
  - 1. As western expansion continued, ideas on slavery became a divide for many people in politics.
- 3. No one expected Lincolneven to be considered for the Republican nomination.
  - 1. Lincoln's achievements were underwhelming, so no

one thought initially that he would be a good candidate for the Republican Party.

- 4. It was a shock when Lincoln was nominated at the Republican Convention.
  - 1. Lincoln's consistency in his values proved him a strong candidate for the Republican party.
- 5. The Emancipation Proclamation changed everything during the Civil War.
  - This put Lincoln in a position to show his loyalty to all people.

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