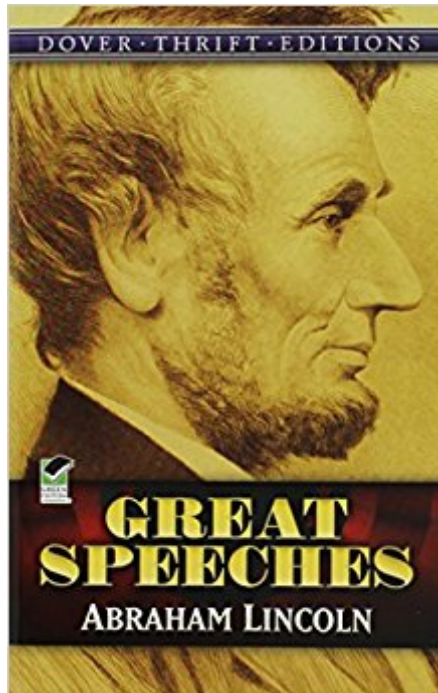




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Being a native of Illinois we get plenty of "Lincoln" around here and you don't have to go far to discover by far our most revered president. I'm sure the libraries have tons of material on the man but this short small and sweet book condenses his crafting words. Good read.

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