



Assassination Vacation

By Vowell, Sarah.

Simon & Schuster. 1 Paperback(s), 2006. soft. Book Condition: New. Before she gave us *The Wordy Shipmates*, Sarah Vowell took a rather odd vacation, visiting sites associated with the assassinations of presidents Abraham Lincoln, James Garfield, and William McKinley, and seeing how those sites have been used for profit, entertainment, or political advantage. From Buffalo to Alaska, Washington to the Dry Tortugas, Vowell guides us with her usual blend of wisecracking humor, remarkable honesty, and thought-provoking criticism; we learn, for example, about the jinx that was Robert Todd Lincoln, who was present at all three assassinations, and witness the politicking that went into the making of the Lincoln Memorial. "A learned, engagingly discursive, funny, sometimes even jolly ramble literally through the landscape of American presidential assassinations. Vowell makes an excellent traveling companion, what with her rare combination of erudition and cheek." *NYTBR* "What do you get when a woman who's obsessed with death and U.S. history goes on vacation? This wacky, weirdly enthralling exploration of the first three presidential assassinations. Vowell, a contributor to NPR's *This American Life* and the voice of teenage superhero Violet Parr in *The Incredibles*, takes readers on a pilgrimage of sorts to the sites and monuments that pay homage to...



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