

Book series combines historical figures, fiction to teach life lessons

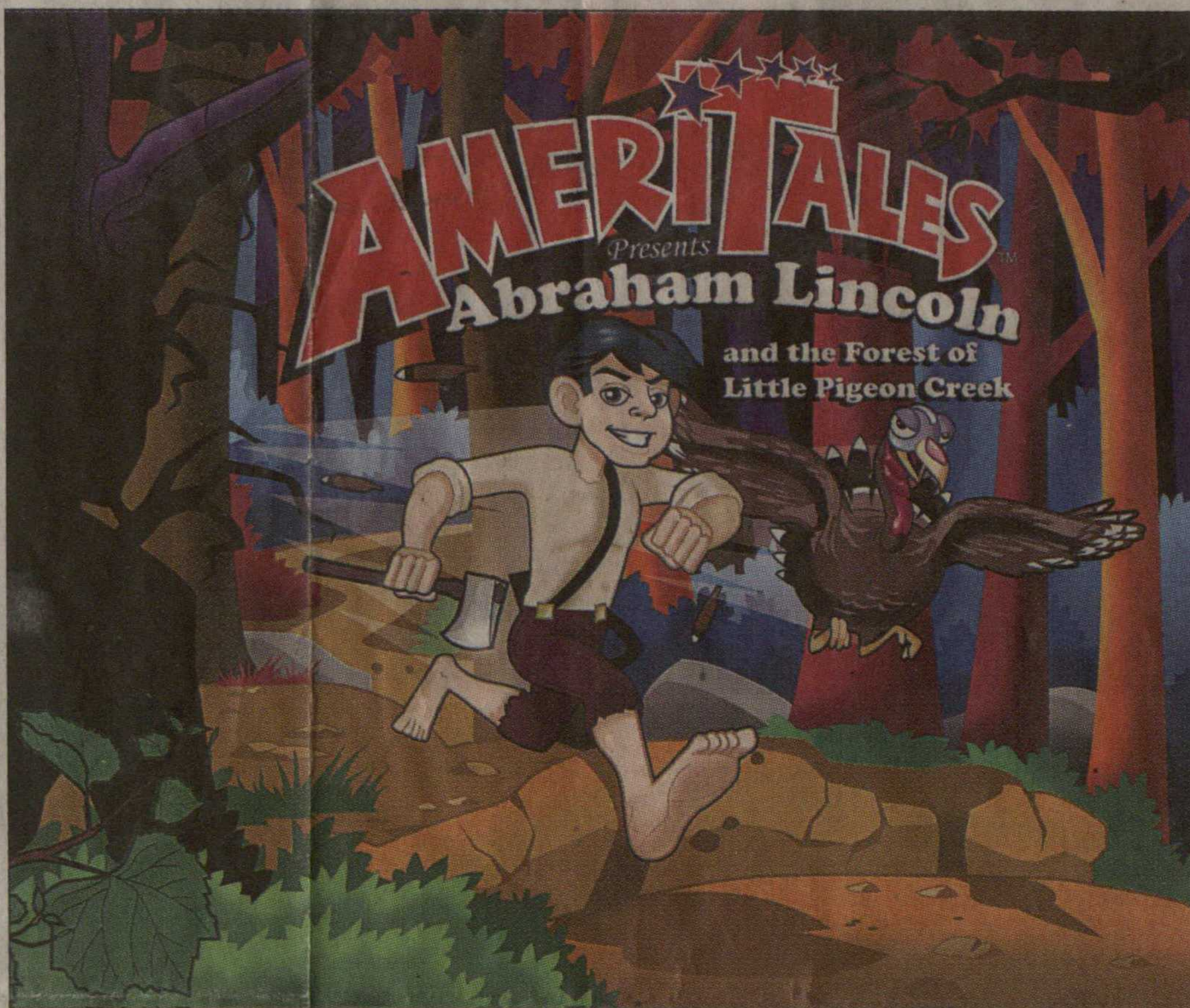
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 The Review

With Presidents Day just behind us, children across the country no doubt have been learning about some of the important names in presidential history — Abraham Lincoln being one of the big ones. They learn their names and faces and probably hear a brief overview of why they were important to the history of our country. Usually, these historical figures are just characters in a history book, but now children can read about a young Abe Lincoln as a character in a children's book.

The book is the first in a series of fictional action-adventure books centered around real-life historical heroes released by AmeriTales Entertainment. The idea is to use a blend of fact and fiction to be both educational and entertaining to children.

"Our goal is to make real-life heroes part of children's popular culture, just like fictional superheroes such as Spiderman, Power Rangers and The Incredibles," Theresa Carter, president of AmeriTales Entertainment, said in a press release, "American students have demonstrated a mediocre command of history during a time when knowledge of the past would help us better understand the present day society we live in. We hope to plant the seeds for a life-long interest in history with our embellished, fictional approach to storytelling that is designed to entertain children while making American history fun, accessible and relevant to young readers. The result is a more meaningful entertainment product that amuses and engages kids while familiarizing them with well-known American icons they may not have been introduced to outside of the classroom."

The first book, released in November, is called "Abraham Lincoln and the Forest of Little Pigeon Creek." The adventure, set in 1818, takes a 9-year-old Abe Lincoln on an adventure through a forest with his best friend, a turkey named Jack. The pair are on their way to old Mr. Crawford's house to borrow a bull when young Abe finds that the forest is



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The cover of "Abraham Lincoln and the Forest of Little Pigeon Creek" the first edition in a new children's book series that combines fiction and historical figures to teach life lessons.

a scary place. The lessons taught in the story include overcoming fears, the importance of books and the respect people should have for animals and their natural environment.

The story was written by Carter, who began AmeriTales because she wanted to share her enthusiasm of history with children and show them that historical characters can be fun and entertaining role models. She began with her favorite historical subject of study — Abraham Lincoln.

"'Abraham Lincoln and the Forest of Little Pigeon Creek' gives kids a rare glimpse into Lincoln's personality as a child, revealing his humorous nature and underscoring qualities that helped him overcome adversity and rise

to greatness," Carter noted.

The book is beautifully illustrated by Randy Jennings with vivid, colorful illustrations that help bring the adventure to life.

The AmeriTales series will continue with future stories written about heroes of American history including Amelia Earhart, Thomas Edison, Jackie Robinson and Chief Sitting Bull.

"Abraham Lincoln and the Forest of Little Pigeon Creek" is currently available for purchase at www.Amazon.com and www.Borders.com. In honor of Presidents Day, it may be purchased at a 20 percent discount at www.AmeriTales.com through the end of February.