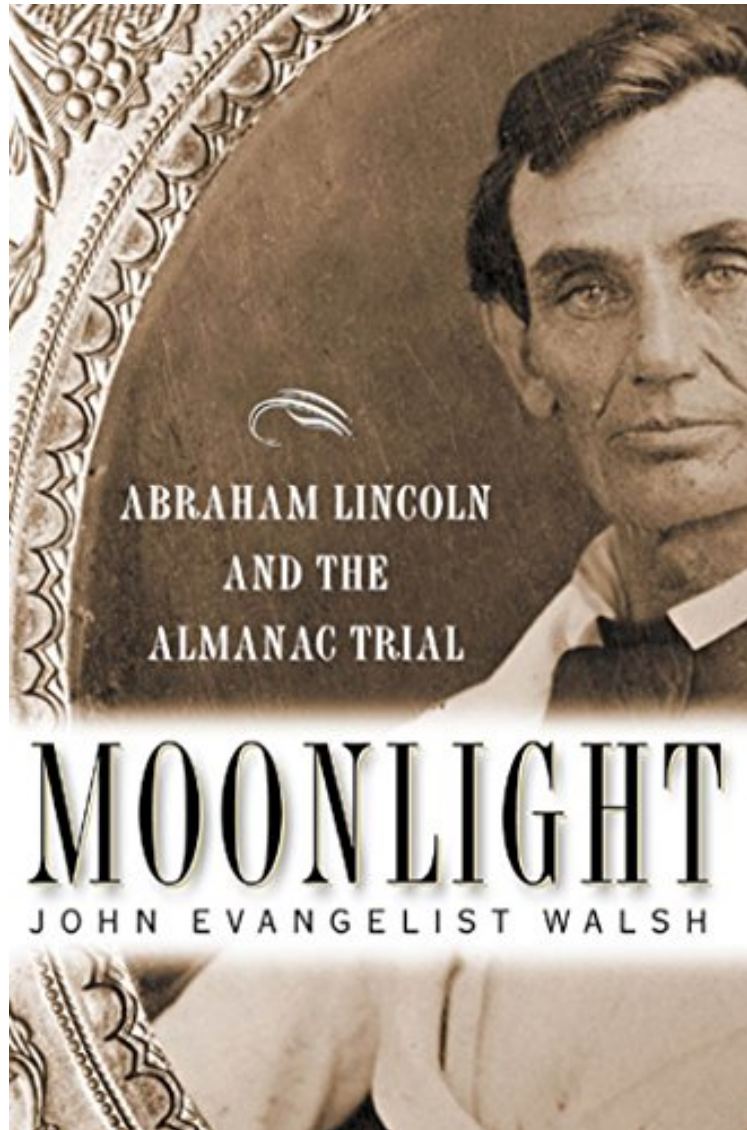


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**Von John Evangelist Walsh : Moonlight: Abraham Lincoln and the Almanac Trial** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Moonlight: Abraham Lincoln and the Almanac Trial:

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Lincoln's defense...and his ethics Von David G. Umbaugh Just as Lincoln was about to take on Douglas in a race for Senate, he received a desperate death-bed request that he defend the son of a friend, a friend from many years ago. The

son was charged with murder; Lincoln's sense of loyalty caused him to accept the task without fee. Lincoln's success as a criminal (as distinguished from civil) attorney was spotty, and, worse, the eye-witness accounts of the murder clearly supported guilt. Indeed, the co-defendant had been handily convicted by the same evidence facing Lincoln. Walsh's short, readable account of the trial is immediately engaging. Apparently he has unearthed detail of the trial never before published. The reader comes away with a clear sense of Lincoln's uniquely persuasive skills before a jury, and his use of the tactics of surprise, and emotion, to win a case. Walsh also raises the possibility that Lincoln crossed an ethical line, and may have permitted perjury, by allowing a witness to testify falsely. That suggestion does not ring true to me. The witness apparently implied privately to Abe that he knew more than what Lincoln wished him to testify to. However, Lincoln closed off the conversation and limited the discussion, and the subsequent testimony, only to a limited detail (whether the witness owned the sling-shot weapon and what happened to it) and left unmentioned his apparent eye-witness account. That tactic is, as I understand it, proper and ethical...and is to be distinguished from permitting false testimony. This is a good read...for those who care about Lincoln's trial skills, for those who are intrigued by the process of historical research (the appendix is quite thorough), and for those who simply like a straight-forward courtroom drama. The ethical issues raised by Walsh are a bit of a stretch...but interesting to contemplate.

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If John Walsh had set out to write historical fiction he would have been most successful. Mr. Walsh's narration of the trial in the third chapter is superb and most believable. However, as Mr. Walsh repeatedly points out himself, few other historians agree with him. According to Mr. Walsh, all other Lincoln scholars are either wrong or have been too lazy to gather the evidence that he has. What is more likely is that they refrain from the same wild conjecture that is put forth in Moonlight. Moonlight is a worthwhile read on a topic of Lincolnia that is obscure indeed. Read it, but read it with a skeptical mind.

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