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Editorial Review

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Following *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker* and *The Spymistress* (both 2013), author Chiaverini returns to the Civil War era and to another woman taken from real life, in this case, Kate Chase Sprague. When her widowed father, Salmon P. Chase, is appointed to be President Lincoln's treasury secretary, Kate moves from Ohio to the capitol and soon becomes known as the belle of Washington. She has higher ambitions, however; she hopes her father will become president one day. But although Mrs. Lincoln feels threatened by Kate's superior beauty and charm, Kate can't displace Mrs. Lincoln as First Lady. Chiaverini follows Kate through her witnessing of the tumultuous events of the Civil War years, to her marriage to Rhode Island governor William Sprague, to Lincoln's assassination. Rather than serving as a backdrop against which the characters play out their personal dramas, history is front and center here, and Kate's story often reads more like nonfiction than fiction. Still, Chiaverini, who also writes the popular *Elm Creek Quilts* series, has many fans, and this solid effort won't disappoint. --Mary Ellen Quinn

Review

Praise for *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker*:

"Jennifer Chiaverini imagines the First Lady's most private affairs through the eyes of an unlikely confidante."

—*Harper's Bazaar* on *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker*

"History—and its colorful characters—come alive."

—*USA Today* on *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker*

"Required reading."

—*New York Post* on *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker*

"Any reader interested in President Lincoln, Civil War history, or historical fiction should love this book."

—*Bookreporter.com* on *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker*

"Taking readers through times of war and peace as seen through the eyes of an extraordinary woman, the author brings Civil War Washington to vivid life through her meticulously researched, authentic detail. Chiaverini's characters are compelling and accurate; the reader truly feels drawn into the intimate scenes at the White House."

—*Library Journal* on *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker*

About the Author

JENNIFER CHIAVERINI is the *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Elm Creek Quilts* series, *The Spymistress*, and *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker*. She lives with her family in Madison, Wisconsin.

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