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THE LEAGUE  
AND THE  
LANTERN



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## Spoiler Alert

READ THIS ONLY AFTER YOU'VE FINISHED READING *THE LEAGUE AND THE LANTERN*.

WE MEAN IT, ESPECIALLY YOU: MR./MISS “I DON’T HAVE TIME TO READ A WHOLE BOOK BUT I WANT IN ON THE FUN” PERSON.

TRUST US. YOU’LL ENJOY THE BOOK A LOT MORE, PEOPLE WILL THINK YOU’RE EVEN MORE AWESOME THAN THEY DID BEFORE AND YOU’LL HAVE A BETTER SHOT AT ACHIEVING YOUR WILDEST DREAMS.

## Allan Pinkerton

### Fact

Allan Pinkerton was a real spy during the Civil War and helped to protect President Lincoln.

### Fiction

While Pinkerton started his own detective agency and it became quite famous, he didn’t use it as a cover for a top-secret agency fighting evil from the shadows around the world (as far as we know, but then again, if it was top-secret we probably wouldn’t know it, would we?)

### Find Out More

Read this article: [Union spy game article](#)

### Check out these books:

*Lincoln’s Spymaster: Allan Pinkerton, America’s First Private Eye* by Samantha Seiple

*Outlaws and Lawmen of the Wild West: Allan Pinkerton* by Carl R. Green and William R. Sanford

## President Lincoln’s Watch

### Fact

The contents of President Lincoln’s pockets from the evening of his assassination were recovered and included many things, including his watch fob, but there is no record of his watch from that night.

### Fiction

While another of his watches was later discovered to have a hidden message inscribed inside, it does not appear to lead to a secret location (or does it?).

### Find Out More

Watch this video: [Contents of Mr. Lincoln's pockets video](#)

Learn more about the Lincoln exhibit of personal artifacts housed at the Library of Congress: [Library of Congress](#)

Read this Smithsonian Magazine article: [Secret message on Lincoln's watch](#)

## President Lincoln's Gloves

### Fact

The blood-stained gloves that President Lincoln was carrying the night of his assassination were recovered and are sometimes on display at a museum.

### Fiction

No one has ever tried to steal the gloves (as far as we know).

### Find Out More

Watch this Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum video: [Lincoln's gloves video](#)

## Break-In at Lincoln's Tomb

### Fact

On a November night in 1876 a group of criminals broke into President Lincoln's tomb and tried to steal his body.

### Fiction

They weren't Lantern agents (but then again, captured Lantern agents are experts at making themselves appear to be anything but Lantern agents).

### Find Out More

Read this *U.S. News & World Report* article: [Plot to Steal Lincoln's Body](#)

## The Sword from the Tomb

### Fact

Sometime in the fall of 2011, someone climbed atop Lincoln's tomb in the middle of the night and broke off a copper sword from one of the statues.

### Fiction

As far as we can tell, it wasn't an evil Lantern agent bent on revenge.

**Find Out More**

Read this article from a newspaper in Mr. Lincoln's hometown: [The missing sword](#)

**Bragg's** Bodyguards**Fact**

Civil War camps were often infested with bugs and lice, and some Confederate soldiers did nickname the lice after their leader, General Braxton Bragg.

**Fiction**

No fiction here—it's true.

**Find Out More**

Read more about General Bragg at History.com: [Braxton Bragg](#)

The **Rants** of **Anarchus Kane****Fact**

If you read *The League and the Lantern* carefully you will see that many of Anarchus Kane's words were things that John Wilkes Booth actually wrote in his diary while he was on the run after he assassinated the president.

**Fiction**

Anarchus Kane doesn't really exist. If you hear otherwise, please let us know.

**Find out more**

Visit the website of Ford's Theatre: [Booth's Diary](#)

Read the actual transcribed words from Booth's diary: [Booth's Words](#)

**Lincoln's** DNA on **Display****Fact**

President Lincoln's DNA is often on display in bone fragments, hair samples and blood stains at numerous museums around the country, including Ford's Theatre Museum and the National Museum of American History (Smithsonian Institution) in Washington, D.C.; the National Museum of Health and Medicine in Silver Spring, Maryland; the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield, Illinois; and the Grand Army of the Republic Museum and Library in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The museums rotate the display of the items in their collections, so be sure to call before you visit.

**Fiction**

Our most recent intelligence tells us that all items are safely accounted for.

**Find out more**

[Ford's Theatre Museum](#)

[National Museum of American History](#)

[National Museum of Health and Medicine](#)

[Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum](#)

[Grand Army of the Republic Museum](#)

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**Fact**

You'll have to research this one on your own.

