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BOOK SECTION

THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN MURDER CASE

Condensed from "*The Web of Conspiracy*"

THEODORE ROSCOE

This is a murder mystery—one that may well be considered the darkest in American annals. The conspiracy that ended in the death of Abraham Lincoln left behind it a trail of unanswered questions. It is now clear that some of the questions will never be answered, but this book probes deeply into all the circumstances surrounding that baffling and tragic crime. It lays old ghosts to rest, raises new ones and provides suspense on every page.

Theodore Roscoe, historian and writer of mystery stories, brings both of his talents to bear in reconstructing the events of those bloody days. His story is one that will be read with fascination by those who are well-acquainted with the Lincoln murder case, and by those who come upon it fresh.

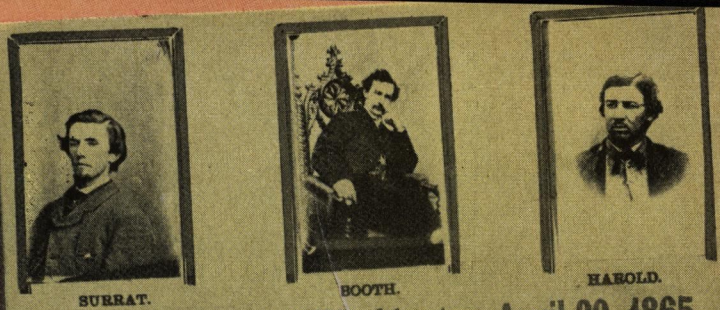
Good Friday, 1865

SHORTLY BEFORE NOON on Good Friday, April 14, 1865, John Wilkes Booth strolled into Ford's Theater in the nation's capital to pick up his mail. As he approached, theater manager Harry Ford called attention to the jaunty 26-year-old stage star. "Here," he said, "comes the handsomest man in Washington."

In the manager's office Ford handed Booth some

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