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## Description:

**From** The year 1863 is often described as the decisive of the Civil War, given the Union victories at Gettysburg and Vicksburg. Von Drehle, editor at large at Time and author of the widely acclaimed Triangle (2003), the story of the infamous 1911 New York factory fire, asserts that 1862 was the transformative year that led directly to the ultimate Union triumph. It commenced with Union fortunes appearing bleak. Confederate forces threatened Washington, and Union general McClellan had a bad case of the slows, despite his command of a huge army. In the political realm, Lincoln was struggling to master the strong egos in his cabinet, and he seemed to lack the will or confidence to demand more aggressive action from McClellan. As the year advanced, von Drehle illustrates Lincoln's transformation into a great political and war leader, who learned to manage and effectively

utilize the talents of his advisors and decisively assumed the role of commander in chief, dismissing McClellan and beginning the advancement of fighting officers, especially Grant. This is an excellently researched chronicle of the year that helped change the direction of the war. --Jay Freeman --This text refers to the edition.

## Review

"Outstanding...Lean, insightful, and often lyrical."—*USA Today*

"These pages crackle with life and energy."—James McPherson, *The New York Review of Books*

"Spellbinding...Von Drehle has done a masterful job....He adroitly weaves together the complex military, diplomatic, political, legal, and moral saga of the twelve months of 1862."—Harold Holzer, *The Washington Post*

"An invigorating, inspiring, and often heartrending portrait of a great man and a troubled country...Von Drehle's deeply researched book provides a degree of detail that Hollywood can't touch."—*The Kansas City Star*

"Von Drehle's polished style and sense of drama will appeal to general readers interested in this formative time in American history... Von Drehle makes a strong case that Lincoln's remarkable development both as a military strategist and as a political genius occurred during [1862], laying the groundwork for eventual Union triumph."—*Library Journal*

"Von Drehle has chosen a critical year ('the most eventful year in American history' and the year Lincoln rose to greatness), done his homework, and written a spirited account."—*Publishers Weekly*

"With his keen journalist's eye for detail, and the surefooted feel of an historian, David Von Drehle has produced an enthralling book. *Rise to Greatness* is a marvelous and important story, marvelously told."—Jay Winik, author of *April 1865*

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"*Rise to Greatness* is a terrific read packed with fascinating facts that add color to a powerful depiction of the Civil War's second year. The narrative is driven by Lincoln's movement toward freedom for the slaves and his growing disenchantment with General McClellan, climaxed by the general's removal from command and the president's issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation."—James M. McPherson, author of *Battle Cry of Freedom*

"In the perilous year leading up to the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, Abraham Lincoln had to maneuver against his own generals and cabinet officers while fending off dark forces desiring disunion or dictatorship. By succeeding, as David von Drehle shows in this fascinating narrative, Lincoln saved the Union and redefined the American presidency. This is not only an important work of history but also a valuable manual on leadership."—Walter Isaacson, author of *Einstein* and *Steve Jobs*

"*Rise to Greatness* is a fascinating and fast-paced account of Lincoln's pivotal year. David Von Drehle brilliantly captures the epic events and outsized personalities that accompanied the birth of the Emancipation Proclamation. His book succeeds in making a well-known story feel absolutely compelling."—Amanda Foreman, author of *A World on Fire* and *Georgiana*

“In this vivid, writerly, well-researched account, David Von Drehle demonstrates, month by month, that 1862 made Lincoln’s presidency. In the haze of Civil War nostalgia, we can easily lose sight of the reality that the odds were terrible that a United States in any form would survive that harrowing year. Yet as *Rise to Greatness* shows, the events of 1862 gave birth to a different nation, one rooted in emancipation.”—David W. Blight, author of *American Oracle: The Civil War in the Civil Rights Era*

“With his great gift for stirring portraiture and historical narrative, David von Drehle takes us into the world of the Civil War and 1862 so convincingly that you almost wonder how it will all turn out.”—Michael Beschloss, author of *Presidential Courage* --This text refers to the edition.

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