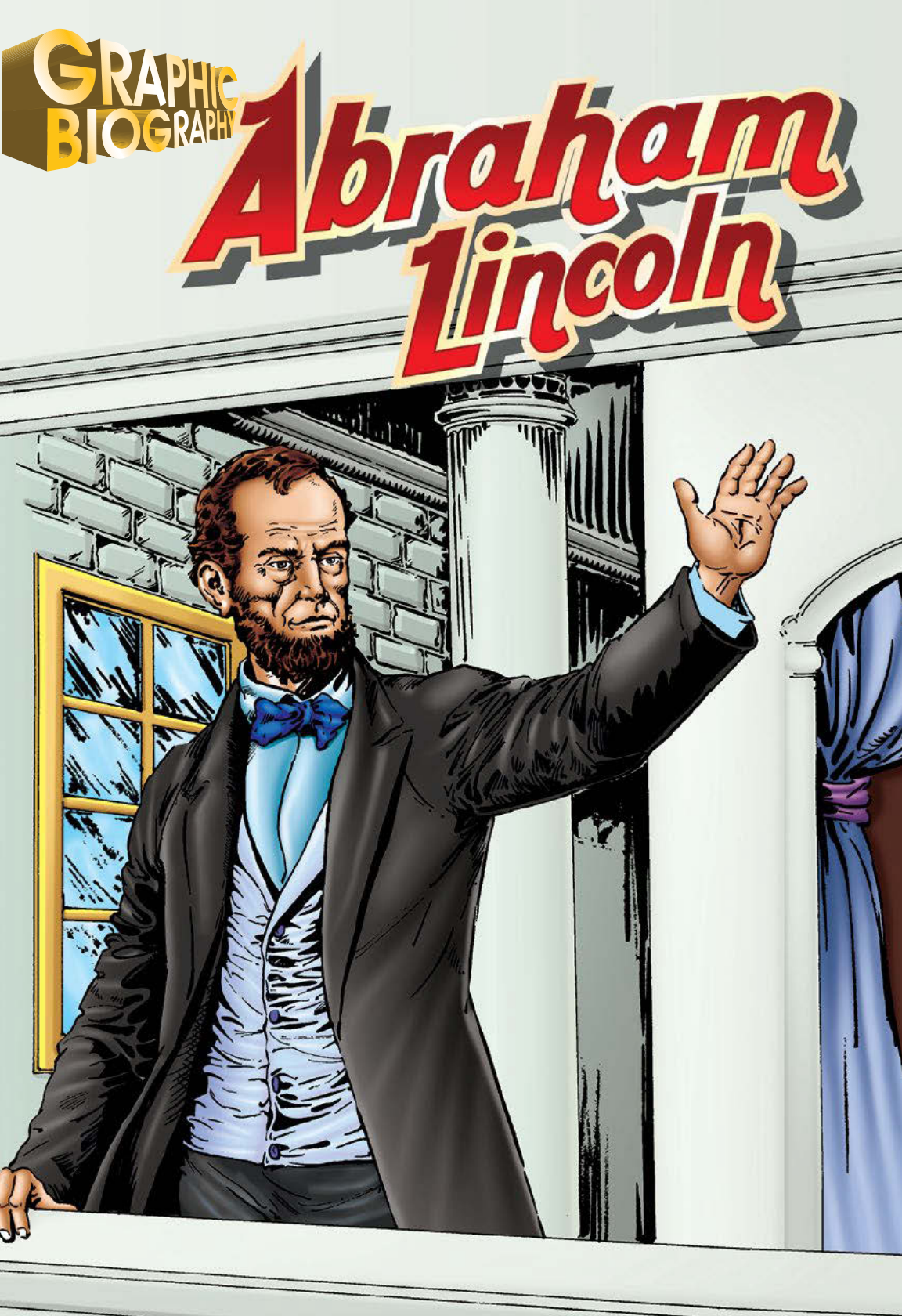
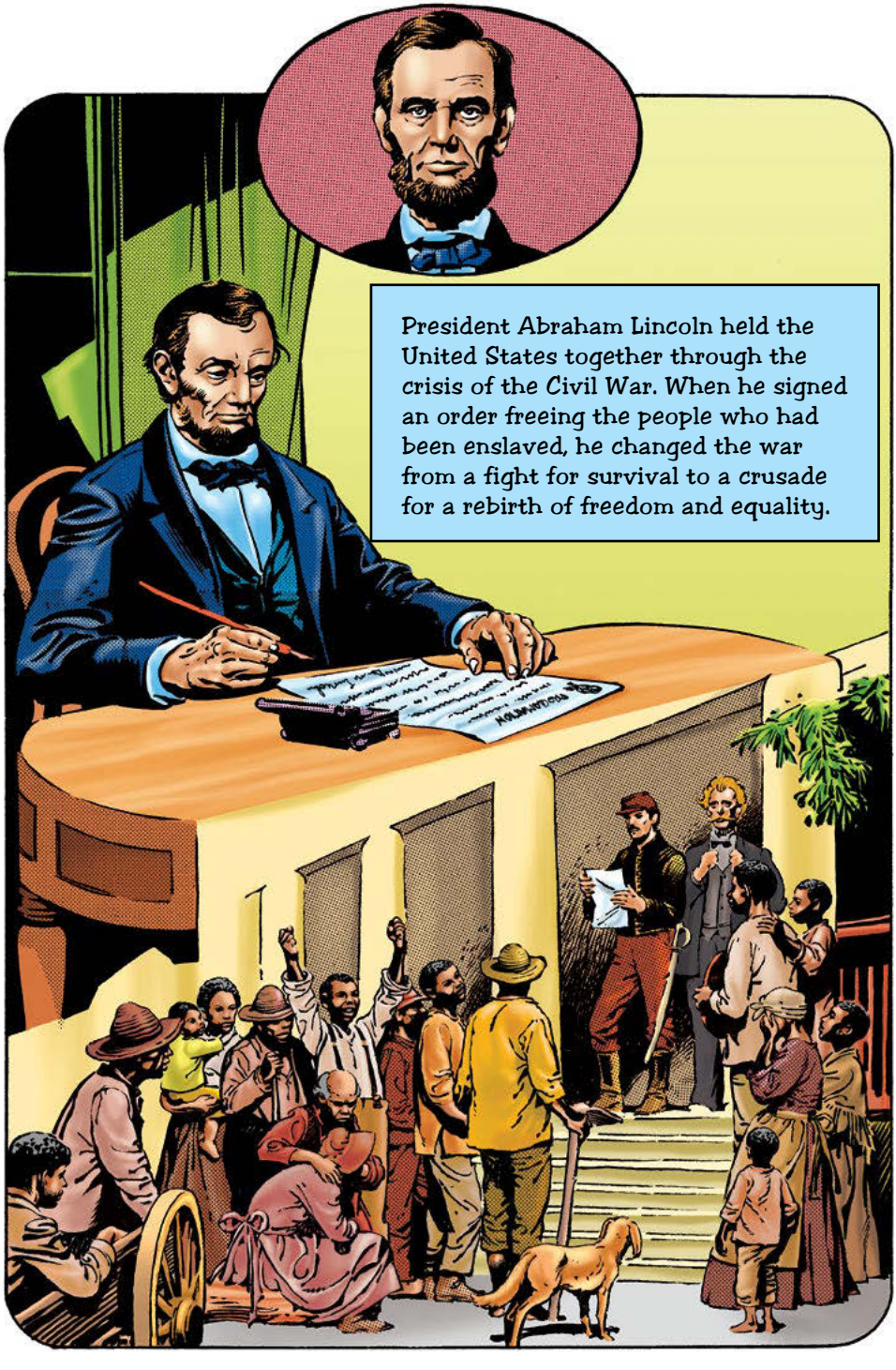
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Abraham Lincoln

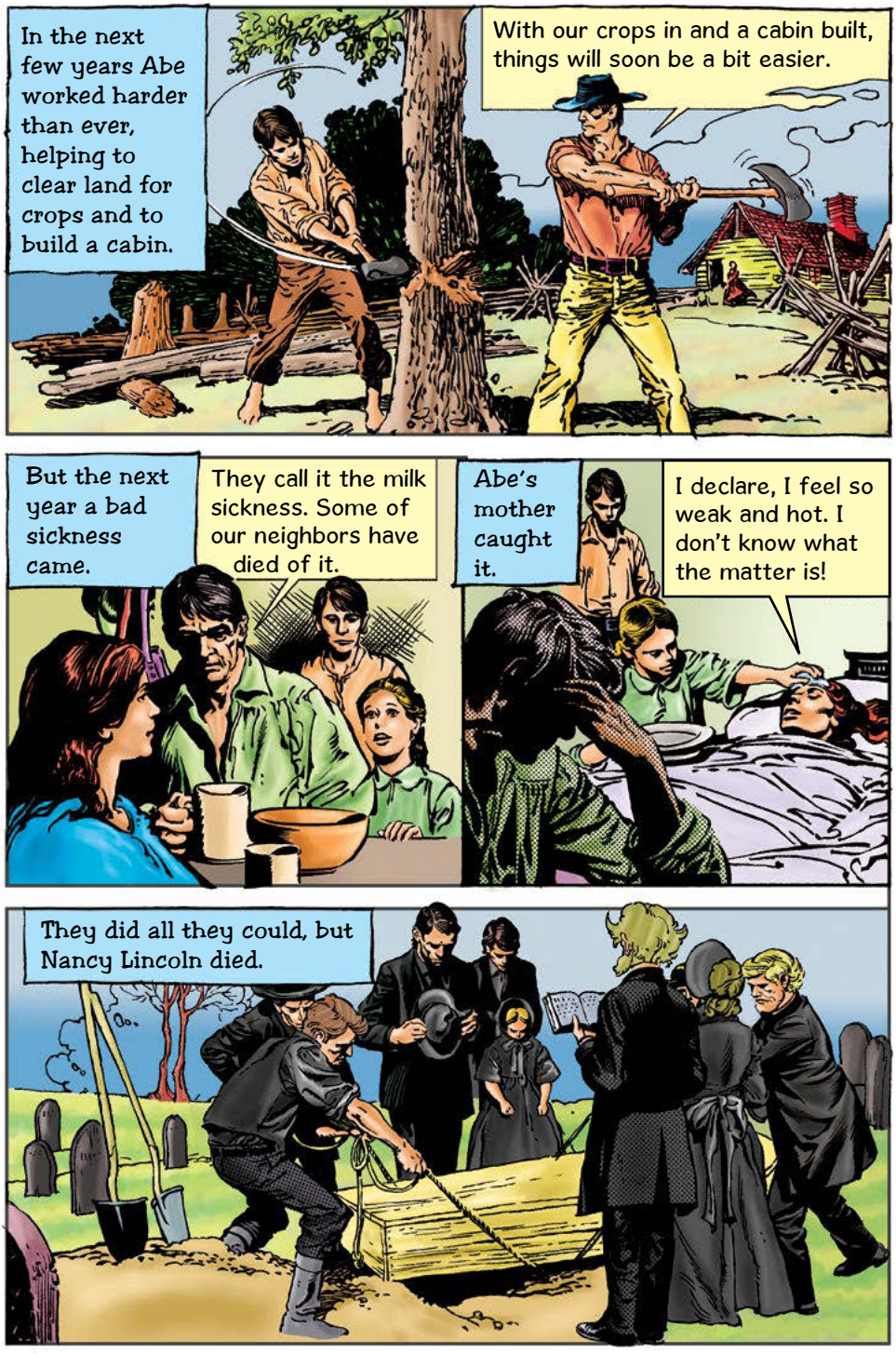


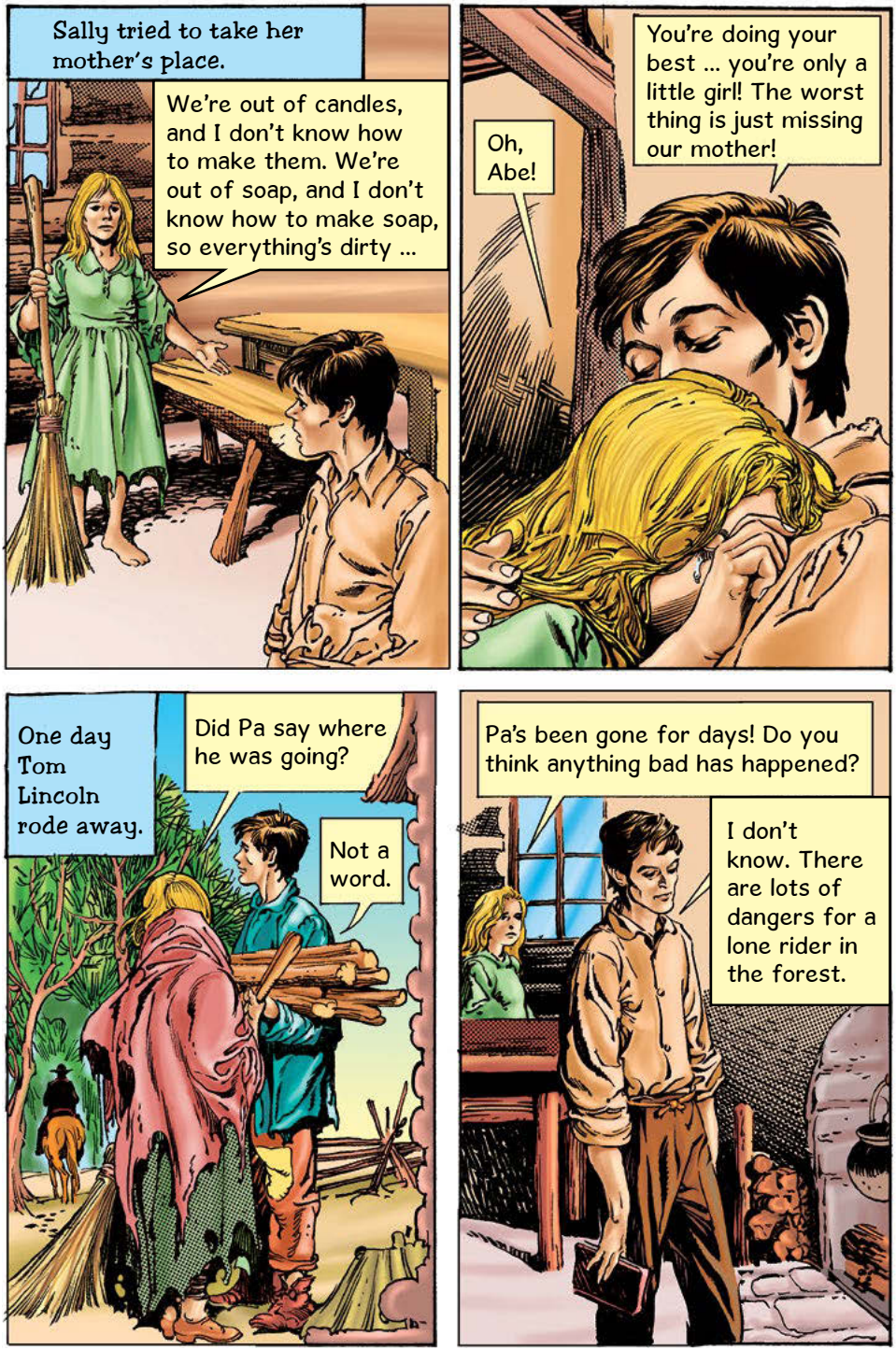

President Abraham Lincoln held the United States together through the crisis of the Civil War. When he signed an order freeing the people who had been enslaved, he changed the war from a fight for survival to a crusade for a rebirth of freedom and equality.

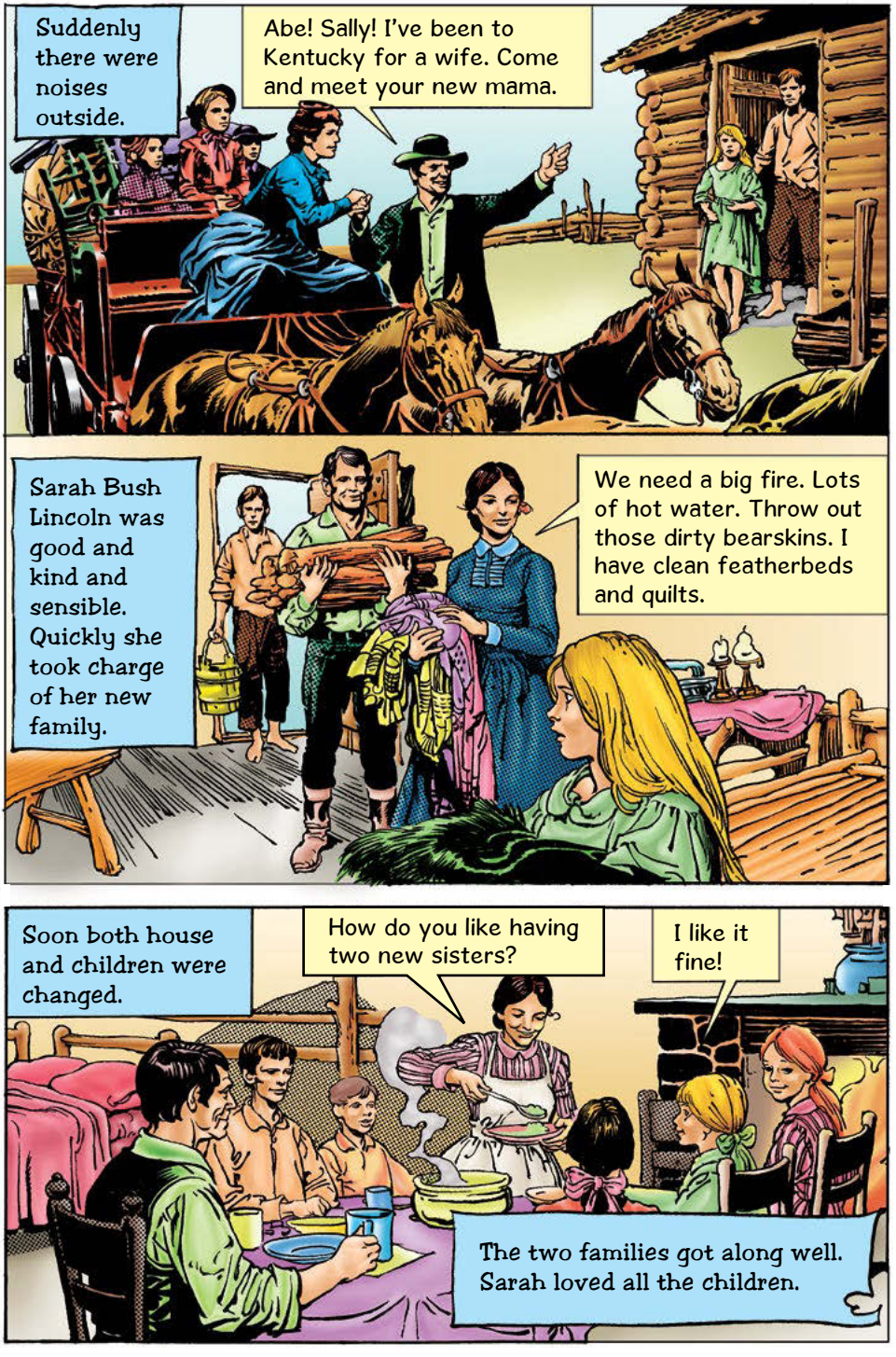

It was February 12, 1809, in Kentucky.
It's all right, Dennis. Come in!
Come and see your new baby cousin!
What are you going to name him, Cousin Nancy?
Abraham, after his grandpa. Abraham Lincoln.
Gosh! He's so little!
Don't worry, Dennis, someday he'll be a big man.


Abe did grow. In a few years he was planting corn ...
... and guiding a plow horse ...
... and gathering wood.
Sometimes he and his sister went to school.
We're lucky there's a school. Lots of people never learn readin' and writin'.
You're smart! You're learning it quick!
The only book the Lincoln's owned was the Bible. He read every word.


In 1816 ...
We're moving to Indiana. I can buy a good farm there from the government. Too many enslavers moving into Kentucky. It's no place for a poor man.
The new state of Indiana did not allow people to enslave others.
The Lincolns packed their belongings and moved.
Pigeon Creek is the name of the settlement. Not very large, but it'll grow.
Their first new home was only a shelter.
That's a scary noise!
Wolves. They won't bother us.


In the next few years Abe worked harder than ever, helping to clear land for crops and to build a cabin.
With our crops in and a cabin built, things will soon be a bit easier.
But the next year a bad sickness came.
They call it the milk sickness. Some of our neighbors have died of it.
Abe's mother caught it.
I declare, I feel so weak and hot. I don't know what the matter is!
They did all they could, but Nancy Lincoln died.


Sally tried to take her mother's place.
We're out of candles, and I don't know how to make them. We're out of soap, and I don't know how to make soap, so everything's dirty ...
Oh, Abe!
You're doing your best ... you're only a little girl! The worst thing is just missing our mother!
One day Tom Lincoln rode away.
Did Pa say where he was going?
Not a word.
Pa's been gone for days! Do you think anything bad has happened?
I don't know. There are lots of dangers for a lone rider in the forest.


Suddenly there were noises outside.
Abe! Sally! I've been to Kentucky for a wife. Come and meet your new mama.
Sarah Bush Lincoln was good and kind and sensible. Quickly she took charge of her new family.
We need a big fire. Lots of hot water. Throw out those dirty bearskins. I have clean featherbeds and quilts.
Soon both house and children were changed.
How do you like having two new sisters?
I like it fine!
The two families got along well. Sarah loved all the children.

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