

**About *The Roads that Lead to Lincoln:*  
*Finding Honest Abe on the Historic Highways of Illinois***

At the crossroads of the Dixie Highway and the Lincoln Highway in Chicago Heights, Illinois, there is a statue of Abraham Lincoln with the inscription, "On the Road to Greatness." Lincoln's life before his move to Illinois was typical of frontier, hardscrabble existences in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century American West. His road to greatness truly began when we set out on his own at age 23, and his journey led him to champion the internal improvements of the natural landscape of Illinois. In his day, those improvements were the bridges, railroads, waterways, and connecting roads that would impose a civilization on the wild frontier. Thanks to his contributions, we can now explore the places where Lincoln practices law, engaged in politics, and raised a family along the Historic Highways of Illinois.

This book traces the sites relating to Lincoln to be seen on three of the Illinois National Scenic Byways: Route 66, the Great River Road, and the Lincoln Highway. Along these thoroughfares, we follow in Lincoln's footsteps along his Roads to Greatness.

**About the Author**

David G. Clark is the award-winning author of dozens of articles and two previous books. *Exploring Route 66 in Chicagoland*, is the only guidebook to concentrate on the history and sites along the Mother Road in Cook County. Ron Warnick of Route66News.com says, "*Exploring Route 66 in Chicagoland* made me re-appreciate the magnificence of the Windy City." Clark's second book, *Images of America: Route 66 in Chicago* weaves vintage photographs, postcard views, and contemporary images with narrative and captions to tell the pictorial history of Chicago and 66. Bob Moore of *Route 66 Magazine* writes, "Clark is noted for his outstanding research and entertaining writing style and this book does not disappoint in either category." According to Jon P. Callender of *American Road Magazine*, "Much as Route 66 and the city of Chicago share a kindred history, so do the art and text, paired perfectly so that readers get plenty of information and are able to see what the author is talking about."

*Route 66 in Chicago* was the First-Place winner, non-fiction history book category, of the 2008 Illinois Women's Press Association Communications Awards. Clark is also the winner of the 2008 Founders Award from the Route 66 Preservation Foundation. He lives in Chicago on Route 66 with wife Carol and his furry four-legged children, Yorkies Fred and Ginger. He also gives presentation and tours in the Chicagoland area on various historic subjects. [www.windycityroadwarrior.com](http://www.windycityroadwarrior.com)

