“This is the story of Mary Todd, a Kentucky girl, who married Mr. Lincoln.”

Mary C. Kerr
Catherine M. Kerr
The Journey Began
And Catherine Went Home To Guam And Wrote A Report On Mary Lincoln
“Catherine, Do You Want to Write a Book about Mary Lincoln?”
Our Journey

Writing

Publishing
we read books...all kinds of books about Mary Lincoln, and we read about the Lincoln era in Springfield and Washington, D.C.

We looked carefully at bibliographies, and followed the primary sources.

We looked at thousands of pictures.

We had to make choices.
Yourself and family are invited to attend the funeral of ROBERT P. TODD, infant son of Mr. R. S. Todd, from his residence on Short-Street, this evening, at 5 o'clock.

Lexington, July 22, 1822.
FIRST HOME OF MR & MRS A. LINCOLN
1843-44. SPRINGFIELD, ILL.
EDWARD E.
son of
A. & M. LINCOLN
Died
Feb. 1, 1840.
676
3 years 10 months
18 days.
Rest in the:
Graveyard of Peace.
This Certifies, that Mrs. Abraham Lincoln has been duly elected an Honorary Member of the Republican Wide-Awake Club of Chicago.

Club Rooms, No. 39 Lake Street. Col. W. J. Johnston, Jr., Commandant.

G. D. Whittman, Secretary. John Lincoln, President.

S. P. Rounds, Printer.
MADAM ELIZABETH KECKLEY
Modiste to Mrs. A. Lincoln
WE WROTE

• we skyped, and talked, and talked.
• we traded ideas.
• friends read drafts.
• friends made corrections and suggestions.
• Lincoln scholars were very helpful...
• Was Mary Lincoln crazy?
Illustrations/Graphics
The Journey Continues
Highlights of Writing

• working closely with a granddaughter

• having a supportive family

• meeting great people from the Lincoln world...people who cared and took this project seriously

• working with a son who became the “book editor”
  what an experience that was...total role reversal...he spared no feelings in telling me the good, the bad, the ugly. He was good.

• meeting lots of young people who enjoy the book, and have been helpful in marketing it
PEOPLE...

- meeting new people
- renewing friendships
- talking with individuals
- talking with classes
- talking with groups
- especially meeting and working with young people
- Youtube video shoot
Product Paradise