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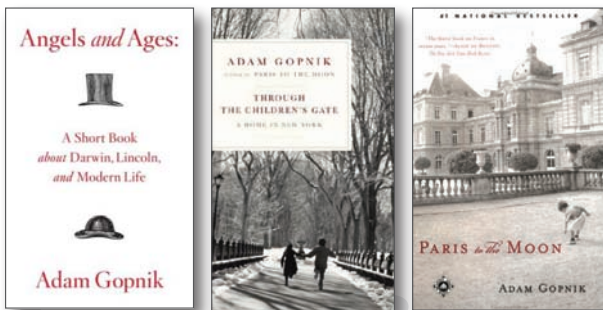
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## Highlights

This award-winning journalist speaks with singular **wit, eloquence and insight** on **modern life and culture**. He has a rich trove of delightful stories and revealing observations about people and places and everyday life.

Adam writes long essays on big thinkers for *The New Yorker* magazine and he has a genius for bringing these people and their ideas to life in his presentations, for communicating **the emotions behind ideas**, and the feelings that ideas evoke in us, and their **relevance to modern life**.

His new book embodies this gift for using historical biography to explore the way we live today. *Angels & Ages: A Short Book about Darwin, Lincoln, and Modern Life* looks at the birth of the modern era through the lives of two extraordinary people born within hours of each other exactly 200 years ago this year.

Adam writes in another genre, also, what he calls 'comic-personal essays'—funny and touching stories about how families live (especially his own family) in the storied cities of Paris and New York. In these talks, as in his books, Adam has a marvelous talent for opening the heart and showing us who we are through **our relation to place**, with a touch that is light and a wisdom that is deep.

His previous book, *Through the Children's Gate*, is a meditation on hope, as his family, his city and his country live through and past the events of 9/11.

*Paris to the Moon* gave us the romance that is Paris through the everyday adventures of his own American family living there from 1995 to 2000.

*Adam is a remarkable speaker and consummate storyteller—warm and charming, very genuine and very good at connecting with audiences.*

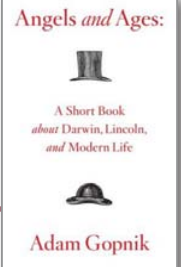
*Darwin and Lincoln did not make the modern world. But they helped to make our moral modernity.*



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Their genius - their legacies - their humanity

Born on the same day 200 years ago, Darwin and Lincoln changed the world forever.



## Angels and Ages

On a memorable day in human history, February 12, 1809, two babies were born an ocean apart: Abraham Lincoln and Charles Darwin. Together they became midwives to the spirit of a new world, a new kind of hope and faith. Searching for the men behind the icons of emancipation and evolution, Adam Gopnik reveals them as both ordinary family men with ambitions, faults and loves and as great thinkers who helped shape the modern world—a world increasingly governed by reason, argument and observation, by the verdicts of time and history. As *writers*, they invented a new language to express that understanding, the liberal voice we now use both at home and in public. This presentation is a meditation as only Adam Gopnik can deliver it on how we got where we are and how we became who we are as children of robust democracy and science.

## The Journalist

Adam has been writing for *The New Yorker* since 1986, and his work for the magazine has won both the National Magazine Award for Essay and the George Polk Award for Magazine Reporting. He has broadcasted regularly for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and wrote the article on American culture for the last two editions of the *Encyclopedia Britannica*.