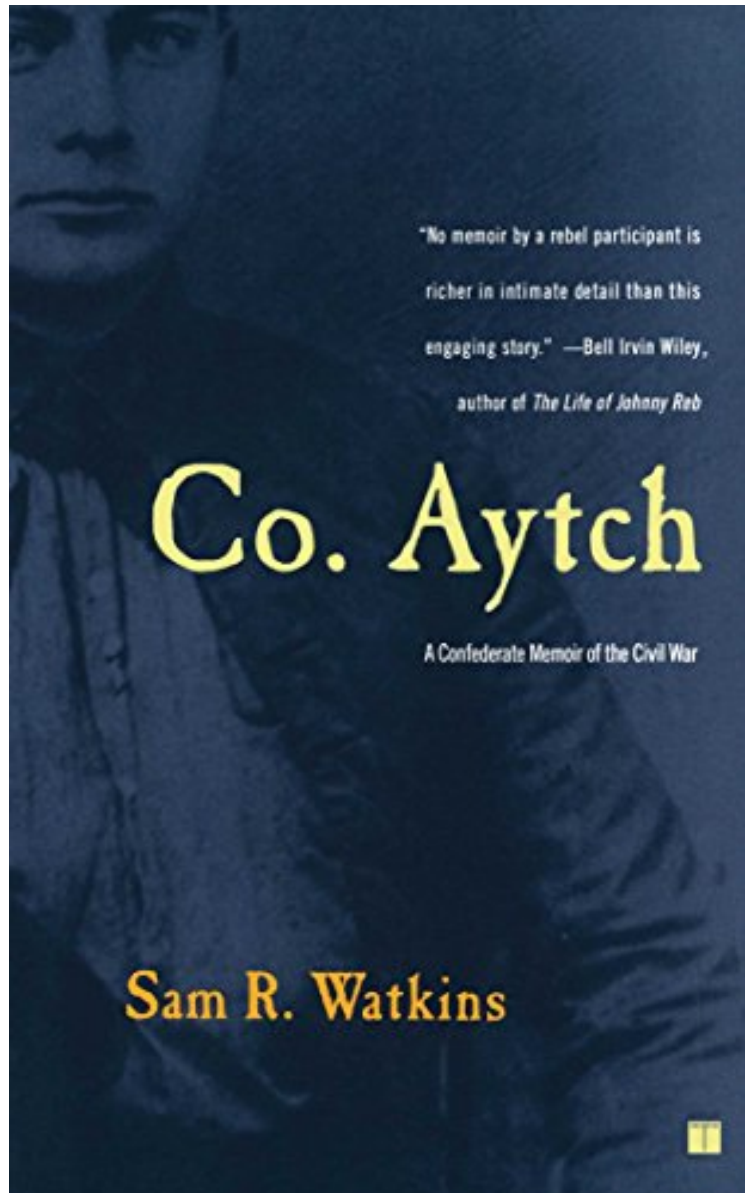


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Best Personal Memoirs Ever WrittenVon Ein KundeSam Watkins did not intend to write a detailed history of the war, but rather to write of his personal experiences as a private soldier. And what experiences he had! As you read this book you wonder how he ever came out of the war alive - most of his friends and comrades did not. This is one of the most humorous, and one of the saddest, books I have ever read: the political humorist Will Rogers would be jealous. At times Watkins' stories had me convulsing with laughter, at other times near to tears. He tells of how, caught behind enemy lines, he figured out a way to get the Federal password/countersign: simply demand it of a Federal officer (they were stupider than the privates). Once he had that, he could roam around at will behind Federal lines for the rest of that day. He tells of how he and a friend were sitting on a log sharing a meal from the same plate when a someone yelled for him to "look out". In turning his head he was just missed by a solid shot. His friend, not so lucky, had all but his face swept away by the cannon ball - his brains fell into the plate from which they had been eating. Watkins also tells of the demise of a friend's pet rooster named "Fed" and the "election speeches" of two friends for the rank of corporal. Tears of laughter will run down your face as you read these.....This is a wonderful book by a heroic man. I recommend it without reservation.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. THIS BOOK WILL TAKE YOU THERE!Von W. D. GradySam R. Watkins, a soldier of Company H, 1st Tennessee Regiment, C.S.A., wrote this book in the 1880s, twenty years after the fall of the Confederacy. It is his account of his personal experiences during the war. He fought in a large number of battles, and was one of the very few men in his outfit who lived to tell about it. This book is written through the eyes of a private in the Confederate Army. He does not attempt to explain the strategy of the war. He gladly "leaves that to the generals." In his account, Sam Watkins brings the war home to the common man. From the time he leaves his home in Columbia, TN, with bands playing and women cheering, until he is mustered out four years later, he takes the reader on an unforgettable experience. His descriptions of hand-to-hand combat, passing by on the field at Shiloh and seeing General Albert Sydney Johnston lying mortally wounded, and nervously standing guard alone and between two armies at night, will move you! He also presents the war in human terms. He talks about camp life, and tells colorful stories of body lice and how they raced them on plates. One soldier heated his plate on the fire before the race, so that his louse would crawl off his plate first, and he would win the contest. Sam Watkins also longs for the girl he left behind. He eventually marries her after the war is over, and at the time he is writing these memoirs, he is doing so "with a group of young Rebels clustering around my feet." THIS BOOK IS ONE OF THE BEST PERSONAL ACCOUNTS OF THE WAR FOR SOUTHERN INDEPENDENCE THAT I HAVE EVER READ!0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Best of the Civil War MemoirsVon David Graham"I always shot at privates," writes Sam Watkins. "It was they that did the shooting and killing, and if I could kill or wound a private, why, my chances were so much the better. I always looked upon officers as harmless personages." In this and many other ways, Sam Watkins reveals a mixture of home spun humor and common sense. His memoirs as a confederate in the Civil War are a mixture of reporting, thoughtful reflection, good natured hyperbole, and sad memories. He lived an amazingly action packed life during those four years, as exciting and full of danger as a modern James Bond, only Sam's story is true. He was certainly the exception as far as survivors of that many battles go, for of the 120 men enlisted in Company H ("aytch") in 1861, Sam was one of only 7 still alive when Johnston surrendered to Sherman on April 26, 1865, testimony to the sad attrition caused by the war. But no bitterness is found in these memoirs, only a gratefulness for having survived the conflict and vivid (if not always exact) memories of what it was like to be "a poor old Rebel webfoot private soldier in those stormy days and times." I feel these memoirs are among the best produced by those who survived America's bloodiest conflict and can recommend them unreservedly.

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