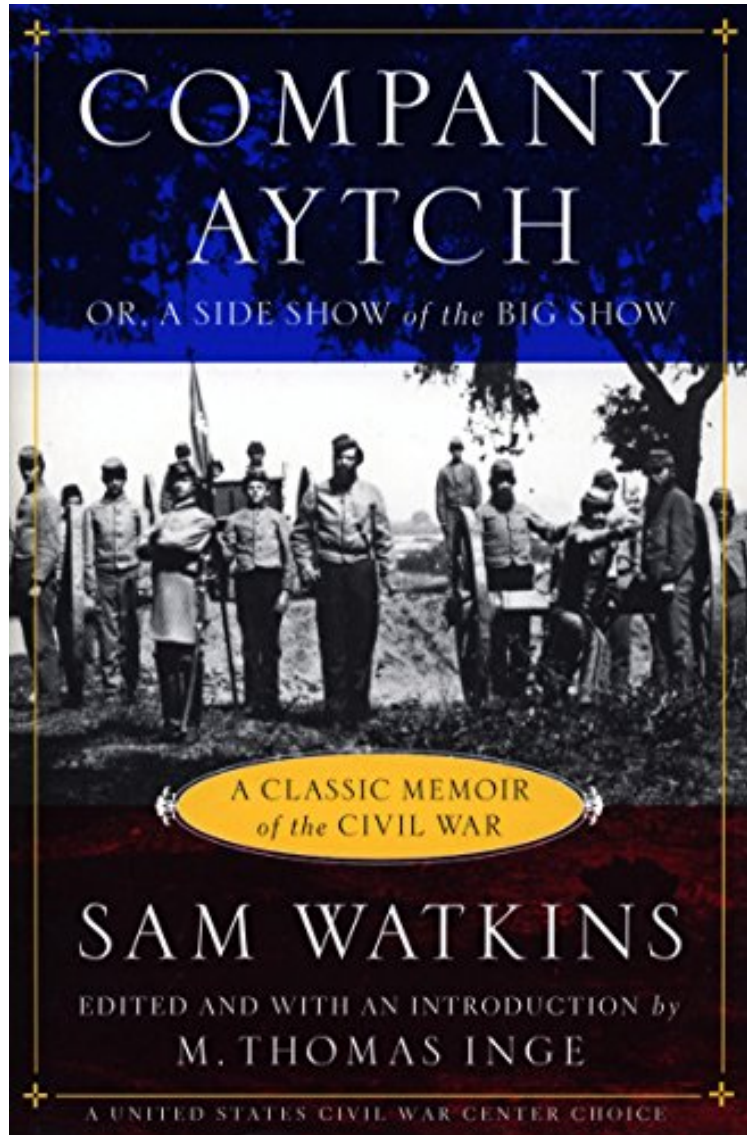


## Company Aytch

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vividly record his experiences. This book is much more impressionistic than a historic telling of the facts (which Watkins reminds the reader frequently). It lays bare the attitude of a rebel private (although one suspects Watkins is much more literate and sophisticated than many of his fellows in the ranks) who endured starvation, forced marches, punishing battles and the monotony and arbitrary nature of camp life while serving a losing cause. Watkins does an excellent job of letting the reader into his head. He reveals well the base existence and actions of ordinary soldiers who paid for the drama of the Civil War with their youth, blood and life. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. What it must have really been like Von Stephen H. Hay As an amateur student of your Civil War (nothing to rival that conflict has ever happened here in Australian history). I found this book not only informative but also genuinely moving as an account of life as a private soldier in that terrible (and intriguing) conflict. The story follows the entire military service of Sam Watkins and deals mostly with his experiences in the Western Theatre under such commanders as Bragg, Hood and Johnston. Impressions are also given of Lee and Jackson. Where this book is entirely different from the run of the mill historical accounts is its disregard (generally) of the broad brush approach and concentrates on the concerns of the individual, such as finding food, morale, attitudes to not only his enemy but to the other soldiers he fought alongside. A story that can be highly amusing on one page and tragic on the next I would recommend this book to any student of the Civil War. Ken Burns (of Civil War documentary fame) rates this book highly. So it is a shame to find that he "selectively" quotes (and misquotes) from the pages of this excellent work.

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