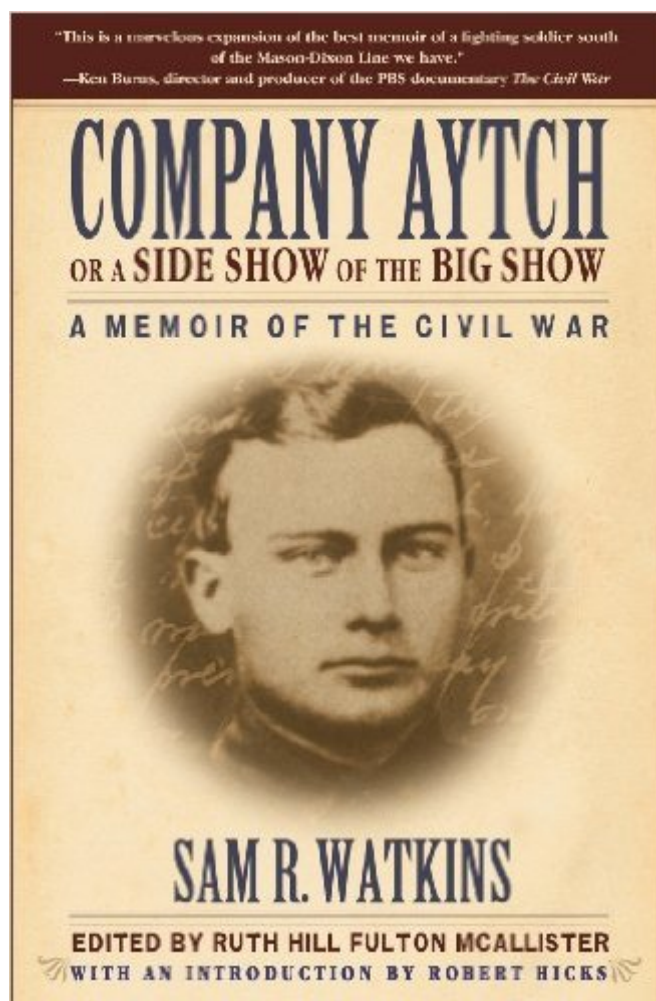


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# Company Aytch Or A Side Show Of The Big Show: A Memoir Of The Civil War



## Synopsis

In celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War: The definitive Civil War classic as Sam wanted it revised complete with his edits, new perspectives, authoritative text, and images of his changes. Company Aytch has reigned as one of the most memorable and honest depictions of the American Civil War since its original publication in 1882. Sam R. Watkins's firsthand account of life as a Confederate soldier eloquently captured the realities of war, the humor and pathos of soldiering, and the tragic, historic events in which he participated. Although there have been other versions of Company Aytch published, this is the first with new material and revisions by Sam Watkins himself. Featuring over forty images, including his own pencil-marked edits, this volume combines the ageless text with Sam's intended revisions a treasure for lovers of history, academia, and Civil War enthusiasts alike.

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## Customer Reviews

For Christmas, I gave this book to my son, who is a National Guardsman and a history major. He could not put the book down. I have read the first part of the volume and I too found it to be fascinating.

It was quite interesting. I had a chance to buy this product several years ago but didn't. Of course, as life goes, within a few days I regretted not buying and tried again to purchase it, but it was gone. Skip forward a couple of decades, and I had a chance to buy the Kindle version from . Oh happy

days!! As described by the author, this is an amateur work, and comes across as such. Knowing that, I was completely happy with the 'book'. You get the 'feel' of being there with his descriptions of the life and battles he was involved in. You get to know some of the officers through his descriptions of them and feel you know them. All in all, I would recommend this 'book' to anyone that likes Civil War history. I am quite pleased with this. Steve

Wonderful and classic memoir about the Civil War from a self-described "private soldier". Fans of Ken Burn's classic Civil War documentary will fondly remember excerpts from the salty memoir by Confederate Sam Watkins. Watkins purposefully keeps his book on the level of the regular soldier, not relating any specific historical information about the conflict, but more about the everyday life of a common soldier and his impressions of combat. At times lyrical and intelligent, it also has the stolid humor and language of a country boy from Tennessee. This particular edition is worth the price since it includes material that Watkins intended to add in future editions of his book. Great reading for any Civil War buff!

All of the other books that I've read about the Civil War, from the people that were there were written by the ranking officers. This was written by a mud-rolling grunt and the different perspective is very refreshing.

I read a lot of Civil War literature and this is essential to any enthusiast. It's an incredibly honest grass roots account of the fellow's experience. Although not very well written, I could easily overlook that because of its frank and at times graphic depiction of the grueling life of a Confederate.

I've read several biographies of the Civil War and this was by far the best! Sam has many endearing qualities and I'll never forget him!

I have never read a better memoir from someone so low in the chain of command, or from someone on the losing side of a war. Read this to see how come they still fight. I wish he could have written his perspective of the coming Reconstruction, but sadly this one ends when the war does.

What it is like to be a private in the Confederacy and experience the war as a foot infantry man would experience it, with all of its personal events and twists, pain and humor that was his life.

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