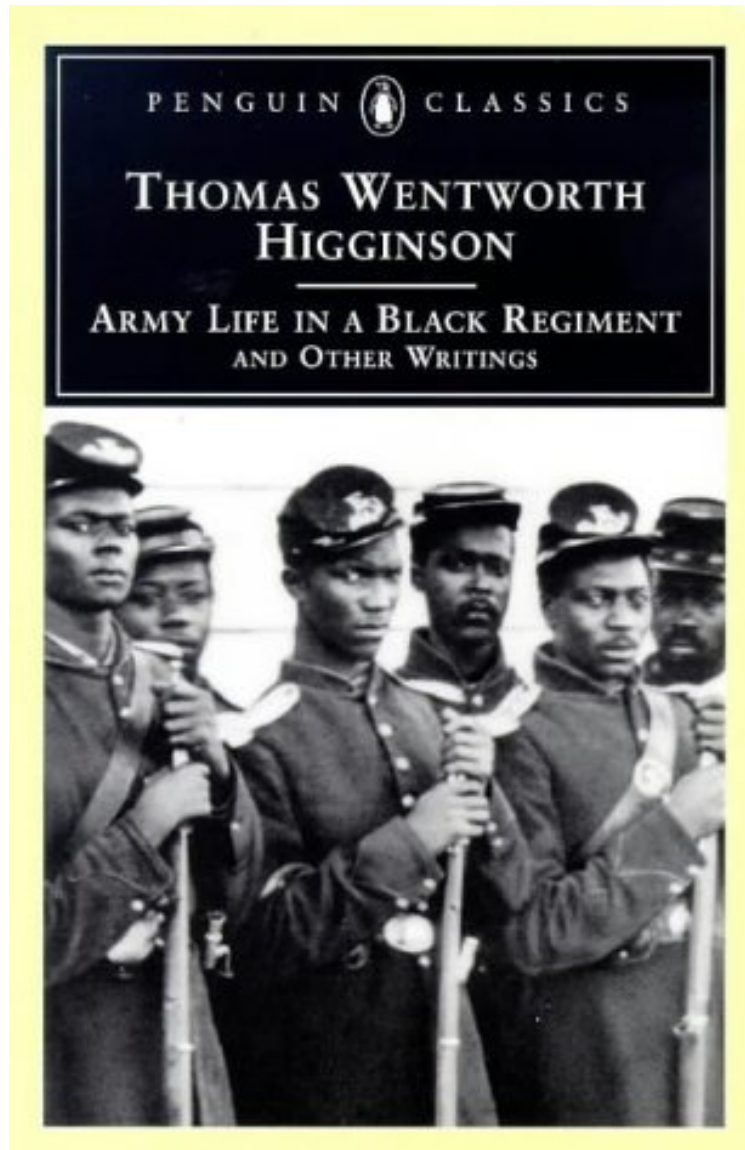


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**Thomas Wentworth Higginson : Army Life in a Black Regiment: and Other Writings (Penguin Classics)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Army Life in a Black Regiment: and Other Writings (Penguin Classics):

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opposed to slavery and saw the consequences of the evil institution on slaves and our country. The book originally published in 1870 provides a glimpse of military life and the character of blacks who he describes as having "an absence of affection for their former masters and an absence of revenge." He is much overlooked and we can only imagine what the post civil war period would have been like if fear was replaced by compassion and understanding.<sup>3</sup> of 3 people found the following review helpful. *Up Close and Personal as Part of a Black Regiment* By Eros Faust In 1862 Thomas Wentworth Higginson was commissioned as a colonel in the Union Army and assigned to train emancipated slaves to become soldiers. He did so on the Sea Islands off the coast of the Carolinas. This is his story. His accounts of traveling up the St. Johns and St. Mary's Rivers during the war with his regiment were thrilling but the best chapter in my opinion was about his own personal decision to swim to the Confederate lines at night, naked, to scout out their positions. The chapter is entitled "A Night in the Water." It is gripping stuff. The narrative has its ups and downs, but overall, this is well worth reading.<sup>0</sup> of 0 people found the following review helpful. *Civil War and Civil Rights* By Millicent Hughes The author was a writer before he ever thought of muskets and artillery. Frequent contributor to *Atlantic Monthly*, Higginson's lovely style occasionally sounds dated and prejudiced to our ears, but what he did in leading the first black regiment far exceeds anything he wrote. His amusement at childlike naiveté is balanced by his awe of certain black non-commissioned officers. No one who has ever feared dark or tide or water will soon forget the growing terror of the chapter 'In the Water,' as Higginson becomes lost in the dark while exploring a tidal estuary.

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