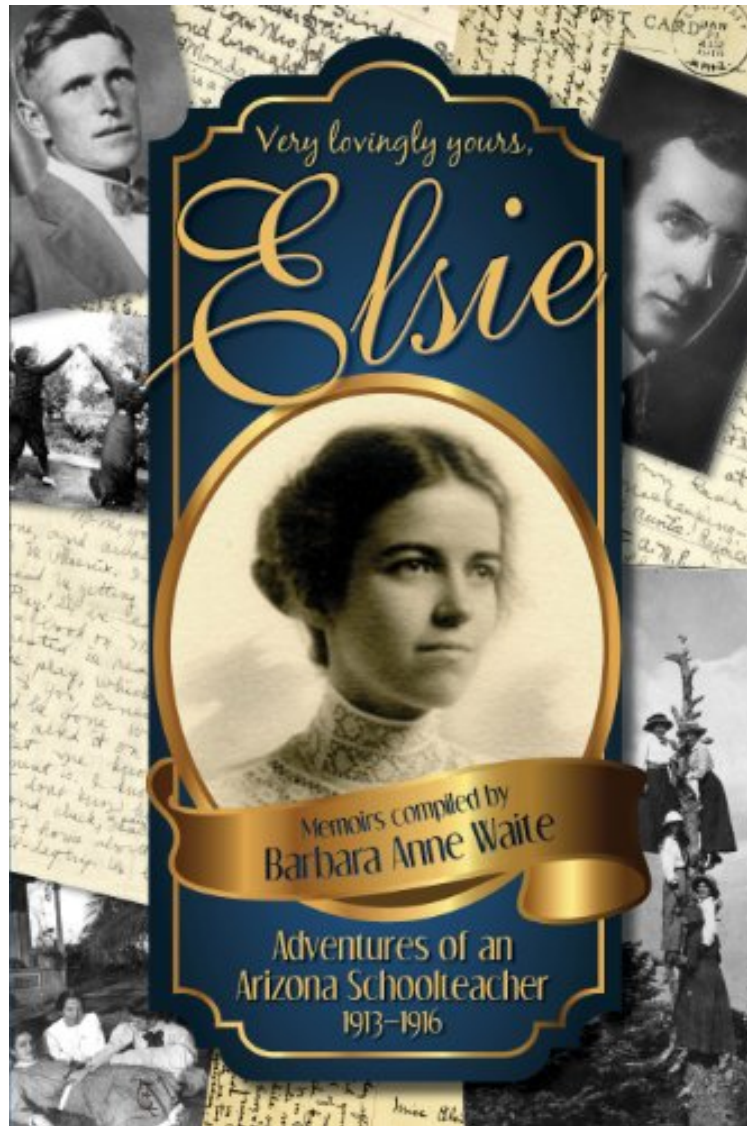


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Tagebcher, Briefe und Fotos vom Beginn des letzten JahrhundertsVon Buchdoktor and FamilyFr das Verde Valley im

neu gegründeten Staat Arizona wurden dringend Lehrer gesucht. Elsie Hayes und ihre Kollegin Marguerite waren abenteuerlustig genug, sich gemeinsam für ein Jahr für die Zwergschule von Cornville zu bewerben. Eine Farmerfamilie baute neben ihrem Wohnhaus eine Art Gartenlaube als Unterkunft für die Lehrerinnen und verpflegte sie. Neben der Hitze der beiden nahm sich das Farmhaus aus heutiger Sicht vergleichsweise winzig aus. Während damals niemand Ansprüche an Komfort stellte (das Wasser wurde eimerweise aus dem Fluss geholt), war Elsie für ihre Schüler kein Aufwand zu groß. Sie besorgte sich gleich zu Dienstantritt einen Sears Katalog, damit sie im Versandhandel Buntstifte für ihre Schüler bestellen konnte und schrieb regelmäßig an ihre Eltern und ihre jüngere Schwester, die sie aus Kalifornien mit Unterrichtsmaterial versorgten. Das Schuljahr 1913/14 sollte für Elsie und ihre Schüler ein unvergessliches Jahr werden, von dem beide Parteien Kindern und Enkeln bis in ihr hohes Alter gern erzählten. Zwei Themen haben mich - neben ihrer rührenden Hingabe an ihre Schüler - in Elsies Berichten besonders interessiert. Die junge Lehrerin hat damals schon mit 6er Kodak-Rollfilmen im Format 3,5"x3,5" fotografiert und war begierig, in ihrer Freizeit die Sehenswürdigkeiten Arizonas kennenzulernen. Dabei traf sie auf einen Reiseveranstalter, der mit Fotos von Elsie und ihren Freundinnen damit werben wollte, dass seine Touren in den Grand Canyon selbst für Frauen in knöchellangen Kleidern zu bewältigen waren. Elsie hat damals Tagebuch geführt und mit beiden Eltern einzeln korrespondiert. Elsies Enkelin Barbara Anne Waite recherchierte Elsies Aufzeichnungen nach, ergänzte die Zeitdokumente mit erluternden Funoten und fügte Schwarzweissfotos ihrer Großmutter ein. So entstand eine für heutige Leser historisch interessante Momentaufnahme des Lebens im Westen der USA zu Beginn des Ersten Weltkriegs. Ein sorgfältig editiertes Zeitdokument, das durch die e-book-Formatierung ganz ohne Abstriche etwas mhsam zu lesen ist.

KurzbeschreibungIn 1912, the first year of Arizona's statehood, rural Verde Valley was home to enterprising ranchers and farmers who raised cattle, crops and children. These children needed a school. So just as they mail-ordered supplies from the Sears catalog, the community mail-ordered a teacher. Elsie Hayes, a college graduate, came from a world of concerts and literary clubs. The teacher's tiny shack in Cornville was a far cry from her family's lovely home in Long Beach, California. This cultured young woman drank water from an irrigation ditch, bathed in Oak Creek, and taught in a one-room schoolhouse to children first considered "common," but with whom she soon developed a mutual love. Though she had come to Arizona feeling a bit superior to these "backwoods" folks, her emotions transformed into admiration and respect, and the untamed wilderness became "breathtaking and glorious." IN THIS TRUE STORY, Elsie's 100-year-old journals, photographs and detailed letters home paint a picture of a time and place that has since faded, and give insight into the early history of Cornville and Williams, Arizona. Even more than this, they are a vivid portrayal of colorful adventure, tragedy, and a heartbreaking story of lost love.

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ber den Autor und weitere Mitwirkende I love and still love Arizona. The detailed, well-crafted, handwritten manuscript did not appear to be the work of someone who was almost 97 years old. It was author and educator Elsie Reed Hayes Roberts final manuscript, but was a project never she unfortunately never completed. A year after Elsies death, I discovered this manuscript nestled among her many published short stories and articles. Never before had she written anything that stirred me like this unfinished story of love and adventure in the early state of Arizona. Obviously, these three years in her early twenties had been an unforgettable time for her. While doing research I came across a tape recording Elsie had made for the Jerome Historical Society. On the tape she said in closing, I dont see how people who have lived in Arizonas Verde Valley or the mountains, even briefly, can bear to live in a real city. Elsie in fact lived in a real city for most of her 71 years after she left Arizona. Perhaps she lived on memories of her time in Oak Creek Canyon and Williams, memories kept fresh by re-reading her daily journals and letters to her family. I have left her letters and diary in this manuscript as she wrote them, editing out unrelated events. I used additional narrative from her cassette tapes, manuscripts, recollections by her former students, and newspaper accounts. Arizona from 1913 to 1916 was a wild and wonderful place. For those of you who enjoy a grand sense of adventure I want to give you Elsies memories of the fledgling state of Arizona as seen through the eyes of this delightful, spirited, young teacher. I hope you enjoy her memoirs as much as I

have.