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Of all the stories I read in part one of the Appy book, the one that had me thinking for quite awhile was the story from George Watkins. First of all I can't even imagine having to live my life without my legs and eye sight. I wondered how he could possibly deal with it. I also wondered how he dealt with the fact that one minute he was walking and looking around, and then out of nowhere both abilities are gone without anytime to prepare himself. When he talked about his story he was somewhat comical and calm in his tone. It made me think how he could possibly be that way. If I were him I would be angry. I also wondered how many times he thought about how his life would have been if he hadn't lost his legs and eyes? He obviously a credible source for obvious reasons. He shows his war related disabilities everyday he lives. I also personally believe that anyone who experiences something at all has more credibility than someone who has not experienced it, regardless of how educated they might be on the subject. I also believe that memories of such a massive experience cannot be forgot. It's pretty obvious when I see Veterans getting emotional at the parades and other events related to their experience that they have not forgot. Part Two of The Appy Book I found a lot of disappointment in the events throughout the stories of part two, but Luyen Nguyen's story was really disappointing for me, because of the outcome of his life. I felt like he was loyal to the US and the way he was treated was so disrespectful. I also felt he was abandoned by us. I was just so sad to read his story and know what he had to go through. I could never imagine being in prison that long and having such a large family of my own having to believe I was dead and move on. The fact he missed out on his children's growing up all those years and his wife being remarried must have haunted him everyday. There was some positive results to these stories, they were the relationships that evolved for some, but mostly the fact that the truth was arising about what was actually going on and being published. I personally like where people who were once for the war had become anti-war. I realize from every story I read that there is no black and white way people felt, everyone had a different attitude towards what was happening. In a general sense there were people that cared and there were people who didn't.

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