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Yes, I Really Do Read the Comments



A question comes up fairly often.

“Do you really read all the comments?”

The answer is yes.

Or at least I try my best.

I have an assistant who offered more than once to go through the comments and add a thumbs-up or a laughing emoji.

I always tell her the same thing.

“No.”

Naturally, she asks why.

My answer is simple.

“Well then I might miss one if it already has a like.”

You see, the comments are one of my favorite parts of what I do.

People tell me stories about their parents and grandparents.

Veterans share memories from their time in service.

Folks tell me where they're from, what they remember, and occasionally where I got something wrong. (That last group is always larger than I'd like.)

But every now and then, someone shares a memory that makes me smile, laugh, or stop and think.

Those moments remind me why I started writing in the first place.

The stories may begin with me, but they rarely end there.

Many of the best conversations happen after the article is over.

So if you've ever left a comment, thank you.

And if you've ever wondered whether I saw it...

There's a pretty good chance I did.

Your Friend,
H.D. Ingles

P.S. *One of the best parts of getting older is discovering that everyone has a story worth telling.*