

Doc Holliday The Life And Legend Gary L Roberts

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Doc Holliday The Life And

The Wild West is full of stories about "soiled doves," the euphemism for prostitutes; Mary Katherine Harony was one of the more intriguing examples.

Big Nose Kate: A Gunslinger's Gal

"He was beloved by coaches and teammates because of the type of person he was. He will be missed," former Marshall University football coach John "Doc" Holliday wrote on Twitter ...

'Passionate' College Football Player Jaquan Yulee Dies in Virginia Car Crash at 24

He was a skilled dentist and a savvy gambler. He was a gunfighter, living life on his own terms, but, at the same time, controlled by a disease that had no cure. He was John Henry "Doc" Holliday.

Doc Holliday finished out his life in Glenwood Springs

But one story that comes with a large grain of truth is that of John Henry "Doc" Holliday's last days at the Glenwood ... But tuberculosis took Holliday's life on Nov. 8, 1887, at the Hotel Glenwood ...

Doc Holliday's unknown grave site

The actor says he's been filming himself for decades, and now his footage is a surprising and strange documentary, Val.

Val Kilmer Is Finally the Main Character

You can still visit the site of the gunfight at OK Corral. There are eight life-sized figures of the gunfighters situated on a map drawn by Wyatt Earp. A reenactment of the fight is held nearby ...

OK Corral, Tombstone, Arizona

following the 1957 publication the first modern book about Holliday's life, "Doc Holliday," by John Myers Myers. That stone was replaced in the 1980s because it was so shot up by pistol ...

'Doc' Holliday's legend a Glenwood gold mine

After Bill Right was asked what he'd say to Doc Holliday had the infamous gunslinger ... right before he'd take a man's life. Instead of paying homage to Mark Twain and the "Adventures ...

Glenwood Springs historian Bill Right sheds light on Doc Holliday's myths 133 years after his death

Less known but to some extent equally remembered by those who really get into frontier culture are the women of the west and those who followed in their footsteps. Calamity Jane was taught how to ride ...

Women at Cacoosing Gun Club learn from a champion [Column]

The story of the legendary gun fight at the O.K. Corral has been told many times, and Tombstone features a ton of actors who are just as recognizable.

Why Johnny Ringo From Tombstone Looks So Familiar

The WYNONNA EARP Complete Seasons 1-4 Boxset was released this week and we take a closer look at it. Based on the popular comic series, Wynonna Earp follows the life of the great-great granddaughter ...

A Closer Look at WYNONNA EARP Complete Seasons 1-4 Boxset

On a downvalley excursion to Glenwood Springs, we're hiking to the historic cemetery when the legendary Doc Holliday is buried. Holliday moved to Glenwood Springs late in his life, about six years ...

On the Hill: Hiking through history/Doc Holliday's grave

Ever look at a piece of property and wonder, "Man, how are they ever going to sell that thing?" Most of us who wonder just walk away and leave it to fate, but for writer George Olson that exact ...

SurrealEstate creator George Olson says the SYFY series is much more than a 'haunting of the week'

You may know him as Batman, Doc Holliday, Jim Morrison ... and/or misunderstood actors has been documenting his own life and craft through film and video. He has amassed thousands of hours ...

VAL Trailer: New Documentary Recaps Val Kilmer's Career Through His Home Movies

who in real life turned it into the title of his memoir and it seemed to imply, "I'm invincible." Sirmon, clearly a spitting image of Kilmer's Doc Holliday with his previous matching facial ...

Offeseason Daydream: Sirmon Perfectly Suited for Shootout in Husky Corral

After playing demon-hunting lovers Wynonna Earp and Doc Holliday on Wynonna Earp for four seasons ... The actress plays Harper North, a quirky, timid young woman who lives a solitary life in her ...

Syfy's SurrealEstate stages a Wynonna Earp reunion in first-look photos

In the film, Johnny Tyler is a would-be gambling tycoon whose business gets interrupted when the Earps and friends come into town and usurp him. Even though Tyler is a relatively minor character in ...

Why Johnny Tyler From Tombstone Looks So Familiar

After Bill Right was asked what he'd say to Doc Holliday had the infamous gunslinger still been ... uttered the word "huckleberry" right before he'd take a man's life. Instead of paying homage to Mark ...

"You can't beat this story for drama. . . . An omnibus of everything ever known, spoken, or written about Doc Holliday." -Publishers Weekly "An engagingly written, persuasively argued, solidly documented work of scholarship that will surely take its place in the literature of the Old West." -Booklist In Doc Holliday: The Life and Legend, the historian Gary Roberts takes aim at the most complex, perplexing, and paradoxical gunfighter of the Old West, drawing on more than twenty years of research-including new primary sources-in his quest to separate the life from the legend. Doc Holliday was a study in contrasts: the legendary gunslinger who made his living as a dentist; the emaciated consumptive whose very name struck fear in the hearts of his enemies; the degenerate gambler and alcoholic whose fierce loyalty to his friends compelled him, more than once, to risk his own life; and the sidekick whose near-mythic status rivals that of the West's greatest heroes. With lively details of Holliday's spirited exploits, his relationships with such Western icons as Wyatt Earp and Bat Masterson, and the gunfight at the O.K. Corral, this book sheds new light on one of the most mysterious figures of frontier history.

Doc Holliday's paramour Big Nose Kate could never get a publisher to give her the big bucks she demanded to tell the story of her life, but that didn't mean she didn't collect material she wanted to use in a biography. Over the fifty years Mary Kate Cummings, alias Big Nose Kate, traversed the West she saved letters from her family, musings she had written about her love interests, and life with the notorious John Henry Holliday. Using rare, never before published material Big Nose Kate stock-piled in anticipation of writing the tale of her days on the Wild Frontier, the definitive book about the famous soiled dove will finally be told. Kate claims to have witnessed the Gunfight at the OK Corral and exchanged words with the likes of Wyatt Earp and Josephine Marcus. There's no doubt she embellished her adventures, but that doesn't take away from their historical importance. She was a controversial figure in a rough and rowdy territory. What she witnessed, the lifestyle she led, and the influential western people she met are fascinating and represent a time period much romanticized.

A biography of the well-known Old West gambler and gunfighter, Doc Holliday.

You've heard Doc Holliday's history, but do you know his story? His name conjures images of the Wild West, of gunfights and gambling halls and a legendary friendship with Wyatt Earp, but before Doc Holliday was a Western legend, he was a Southern Son. The story begins in Civil War Georgia, as young John Henry Holliday welcomes home his heroic father and learns a terrible secret about his mother, with his only confidant his favorite cousin Mattie. As the Confederacy falls and tragedy strikes, John Henry's hero-worship turns to bitter anger and he joins with a gang of vigilantes to chase the Reconstruction Yankees out of their small Georgia town. When their murderous plot is discovered and brings threats of military prison, he vows to change his reckless ways, leaving home to attend dental school in Philadelphia and hoping to become a respected professional man worthy of asking for his cousin Mattie's hand. But when he returns from two years in the North he finds family intrigues, lies and revelations, rivals for Mattie's affections--and a violent encounter that changes everything and starts him on the road to Western legend. Southern Son is the first book in the award-winning Saga of Doc Holliday, an epic American tale of heroes and villains, dreams lost and found, families broken and reconciled, of sin and recompense and the redeeming power of love.

THE INSTANT NATIONAL BESTSELLER "Tombstone is written in a distinctly American voice." --T.J. Stiles, The New York Times "With a former newsman's nose for the truth, Clavin has sifted the facts, myths, and lies to produce what might be as accurate an account as we will ever get of the old West's most famous feud." --Associated Press The true story of the Earp brothers, Doc Holliday, and the famous Battle at the OK Corral, by the New York Times bestselling author of Dodge City and Wild Bill. On the afternoon of October 26, 1881, eight men clashed in what would be known as the most famous shootout in American frontier history. Thirty bullets were exchanged in thirty seconds, killing three men and wounding three others. The fight sprang forth from a tense, hot summer. Cattle rustlers had been terrorizing the back country of Mexico and selling the livestock they stole to corrupt ranchers. The Mexican government built forts along the border to try to thwart American outlaws, while Arizona citizens became increasingly agitated. Rustlers, who became known as the cow-boys, began to kill each other as well as innocent citizens. That October, tensions boiled over with Ike and Billy Clanton, Tom and Frank McLaury, and Billy Claiborne confronting the Tombstone marshal, Virgil Earp, and the suddenly deputized Wyatt and Morgan Earp and shotgun-toting Doc Holliday. Bestselling author Tom Clavin peers behind decades of legend surrounding the story of Tombstone to reveal the true story of the drama and violence that made it famous. Tombstone also digs deep into the vendetta ride that followed the tragic gunfight, when Wyatt and Warren Earp and Holliday went vigilante to track down the likes of Johnny Ringo, Curly Bill Brocius, and other cowboys who had cowardly gunned down his brothers. That "vendetta ride" would make the myth of Wyatt Earp complete and punctuate the struggle for power in the American frontier's last boom town.

A fresh, lively retelling of the life of one of the most infamous characters of the Old West, Doc Holliday, by an imaginative, yet accurate storyteller.

John H. Holliday, D. D. S., better known as Doc Holliday, has become a legendary figure in the history of the American West. In Doc Holliday: A Family Portrait, Karen Holliday Tanner reveals the real man behind the legend. Shedding light on Holliday's early years, in a prominent Georgia family during the Civil War and Reconstruction, she examines the elements that shaped his destiny: his birth defect, the death of his mother and estrangement from his father, and the diagnosis of tuberculosis, which led to his journey west. The influence of Holliday's genteel upbringing never disappeared, but it was increasingly overshadowed by his emerging western personality. Holliday himself nurtured his image as a frontier gambler and gunman. Using previously undisclosed family documents and reminiscences as well as other primary sources, Tanner documents the true story of Doc's friendship with the Earp brothers and his run-ins with the law, including the climactic shootout at the O. K. Corral and its aftermath. This first authoritative biography of Doc Holliday should appeal both to historians of the West and to general readers who are interested in his poignant story. "Doc Holliday: A Family Portrait will be considered the definitive Holliday biography and will supplant all previously published works on the man's life as a complete and authoritative account. This book will undoubtedly take a place among the foremost books in the Western gunfighter genre." -- Robert K. DeArment, author of Alias Frank Canton

His name conjures images of the Wild West, of gunfights and gambling halls and a legendary friendship with the lawman Wyatt Earp, and he is probably most famous for his time in Tombstone. But Doc Holliday's story is a much richer than that one sentence summary allows. His was a life of travel across the west--from Georgia to Texas, from Dodge City to Las Vegas, across Arizona and from New Mexico to Colorado and Montana. Revealed from contemporary newspaper accounts and records of interviews with Doc himself and the people who knew him, The World of Doc Holliday offers a real first-hand accounting of his life of adventure.

John Henry Holliday steps off the train at Atlanta Union Station, fresh out of the Pennsylvania Dental College, and into Mattie's arms. But the storybook romance between the young dentist and his cousin is cut short by disease and family strife. Some close relatives are grousing at the couple to break off their relationship, but they are unwilling to bow to family pressures. However his financial reverses and physical health conspire to make that happen. John Henry is diagnosed with tuberculosis and doctors suggest a dryer climate to go with him but John Henry says no and travels to Dallas alone. The dry climate stabilizes his condition, but he is unable to make a living from his dental practice. Dispirited and alone he is eventually attracted to saloon life where he takes a new name and calling -- Doc Holliday -- frontier gambler. Kate Elder, a spunky little saloon girl, sets her sights on Doc. And when trouble comes at Ft. Griffin and a noose is about to be tied around Docs neck Kate executes a daring escape plan and the two ride north, through Indian territory, to Dodge City, Kansas. Doc sets up a dental practice in the cattle town and becomes acquainted with the likes of Wyatt Earp, Bat Masterson, Luke Short and Eddie Foy. When a wild bunch of drunken cowboys corner Wyatt Earp Doc hurries to his rescue with a 38 in one hand and a 44 in the other. That moment was the beginning of a lifelong friendship. Wyatt Earp would never forget that day at Dodge City when Doc Holliday using courage and grit saved his life. Docs tenuous relationship with Kate dragged along simply because he was beholden to her for saving him from the hangmans noose at Ft. Griffin. Their tumultuous relationship continued though as they follow the migration of the Dodge City crowd south to Tombstone, Arizona. A corrupt political ring backs the cowboy-outlaw faction with the complicity of the Cochise County Sheriff. Doc has friends in both camps, but joins Wyatt and his brothers on the side of law and order, where his courage and loyalty are once again tested, when he stands with the Earps, in the shootout, at the OK Corral. Doc survives the gunfight, but death from tuberculosis is never far away. Mattie, desperate in her loneliness, writes that she had become a nun, and with those vows has taken a new name -- Sister Mary Melanie. Doc is stung by the news, but he is quick to realize that it was his own neglect that had placed Mattie in the nunnery. He is fully aware that his days are numbered, but he never wavers in his love for the girl back home. Following Docs death Wyatt Earp spoke of his friend and said, Doc was the most skillful gambler and the speediest, deadliest man with a six-gun I ever knew.

Doc Holiday Matt Braun He came from the American South, a gentleman by breeding, a dentist by training, a gambler by vocation. But as Dr. John H. Holliday, a man fleeing his tragic past, drifted across the West, living among some of the roughest men on the frontier, word spread quickly he never walked away from a fight, and he never drew too late. Now, from Dodge City to Denver and Cheyenne, from boomtown to sinkholes, "Doc" Holliday was driven by the demons of his past, a skilled gambler and a seasoned mankiller--his name was known and feared long before the O.K. Corral. The story of a man who spoke softly and carried a lightning gun, Doc Holliday is Matt Braun's extraordinary chronicle of the West's most complex and legendary figure.