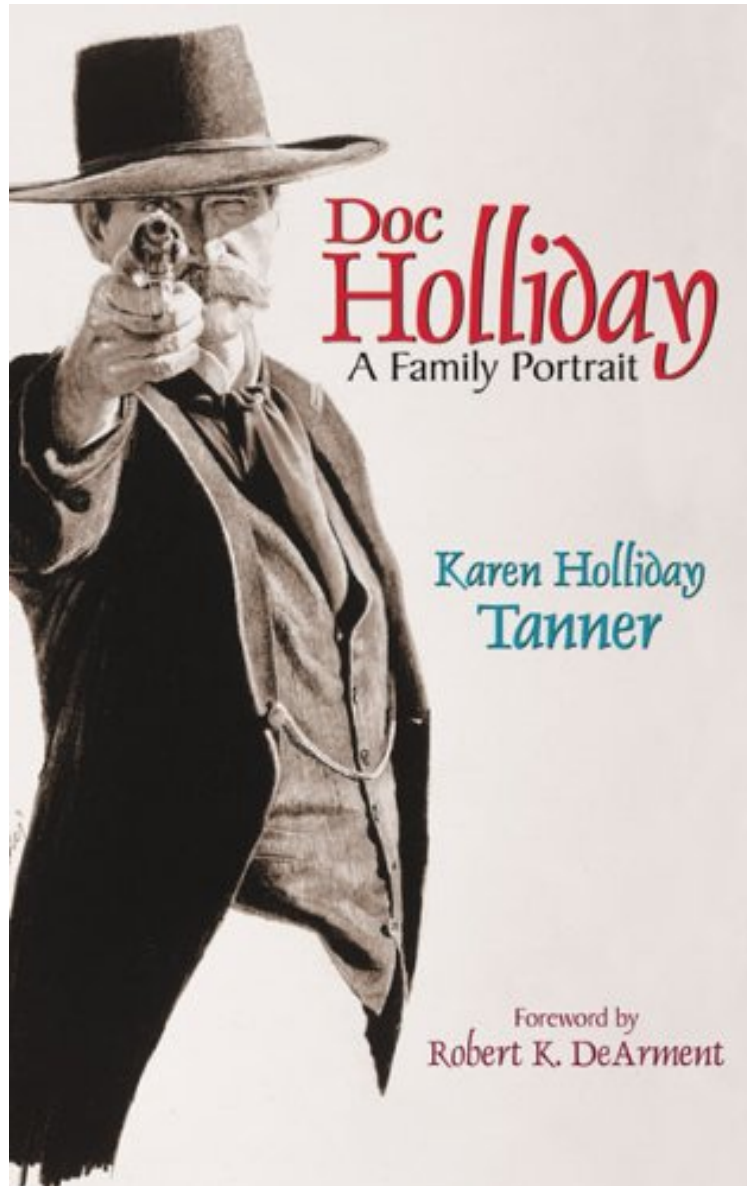


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Von Karen H. Tanner : Doc Holliday: A Family Portrait before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Doc Holliday: A Family Portrait:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Misleading waste of timeVon Robert L YoungI acquired this book because it was supposed to have the extra insights into Doc Holliday's early life that his other biographies lacked. It was clear that Ms. Tanner had this information but

was unwilling to reveal anything she felt might reflect badly on the Holliday family that had not already appeared in print. The things that have already appeared in other sources, she goes to great lengths to excuse, regardless of whether any excuse is needed. It does reveal the sources of Doc's early prowess with weapons and cards, while making excuses for the family having owned slaves for pages on end which was ridiculous, considering the times and the area. While shedding light on a few items from his childhood, the book goes on to white wash Doc's life from the time he went West. His years in the West are described at such a high-level as to make the story hard to follow. Most of the well known stories about Doc in the West are either not mentioned or brushed aside as being without foundation but she doesn't mention why they're without foundation. Ms. Tanner has no problem going into opposition with information from the people who actually knew Doc during his time in the West and talked about him when it was fresh in their minds and replacing it with family hearsay, handed down verbally for over a hundred years. It takes away what I've always thought was one of Doc's best traits, loyalty and replaces it by saying that all the things that made Doc Holliday famous were either done in self-defense or because Wyatt Earp told him to. There are several hand-drawn maps which, between the hand-writing and the small scale to which they were reproduced, are unreadable without and sometimes with a magnifying glass. Another reason I bought this book was because of the pictures it contained. It turned out that over half of them were of obscure relatives whose picture (or name for that matter) would not have made it into print if it weren't for a relative of whom they were ashamed, becoming famous.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. TOMBSTONE EPITAPH RAVES! Von Ein Kunde THE TOMBSTONE EPITAPH, July 1998 -- Review by C. F. Eckhardt, Book Bag Editor. From the publication of this book on, any work about or mentioning John Henry Holliday, DDS, which does not list this book as a source must be considered essentially the product of imagination. Previous serious attempts at biography of Doc Holliday had their good points, but they lacked one thing: No one had any real information on the background of the young Georgia dentist who became Doc Holliday. The Holliday Family, for over a century, refused to even discuss their notorious relative with anyone outside the family circle. As a result, the background information in those books was based upon rumor, gossip, and a few matters of public record, some of which was relatively accurate but much of which was pure moonshine. At long last the Holliday's have broken the silence. Tanner writes, "Enough time has past so that there is no one left who feels either shame or guilt over the life ! of John Henry." Therefore, from the Holliday family Bibles, letters, unpublished family manuscripts, genealogical records, and the gathered memories of the family, she has given us the story of a shy, retiring, handicapped child whose life was turned upside down twice -- once by the War Between the States and Reconstruction, and again by the death of his beloved mother and his father's hasty remarriage to a woman only eight years the senior of his son -- who became the legend known across the American West as 'Doc Holliday.' This is the single 'must have' book on the subject of Doc Holliday. Any of the other biographies are worth reading, but only if you read them in conjunction with DOC HOLLIDAY, A FAMILY PORTRAIT will you get the full picture of the man who became Doc Holliday.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. I KNOW THIS BOOK Von Ein Kunde Several years ago, Karen's mother wrote to me and wondered what to do with all the wonderful Doc Holliday memorabilia she had. In many cases, my radar warns me I am dealing with a faker who is trying to palm themselves off as a family member. Not this time. I promptly wrote back and in a few weeks, Karen Tanner, the author of this book was visiting us with her husband, John, who is a history professor. Her mother was in her terminal illness, but Karen, like her mother and her husband, thought they should do something with the treasure trove of inside family information they possessed. I had hoped that someday the Holliday family would step up and tell their story. This had been partially done by Doc's relative, Susan McKey Thomas, but it was not as detailed as I had hoped. (A fine book, by the way, highly commendable, and everyone should read it that is interested in Doc.) All that aside, I encouraged Karen to do a book and she started it right where I am sitting on the word processor on which I am writing this. After two years of field work, assisted by her husband, Karen produced the Doc book I had hoped for. It will be the ultimate work, in my opinion. You have to read it to appreciate the riches of photos, family insights, memorabilia, recollections, and rich detail that brings us Doc as he was. I can hardly say more. Read it and judge for yourself. It will be a long while before a book of this unique nature graces the field of Western history. A true treasure. A delight to read. A remarkable comparison of fact vs. the former myths that passed as biographies. Glenn G. Boyer

Kurzbeschreibung 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 Docs

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.