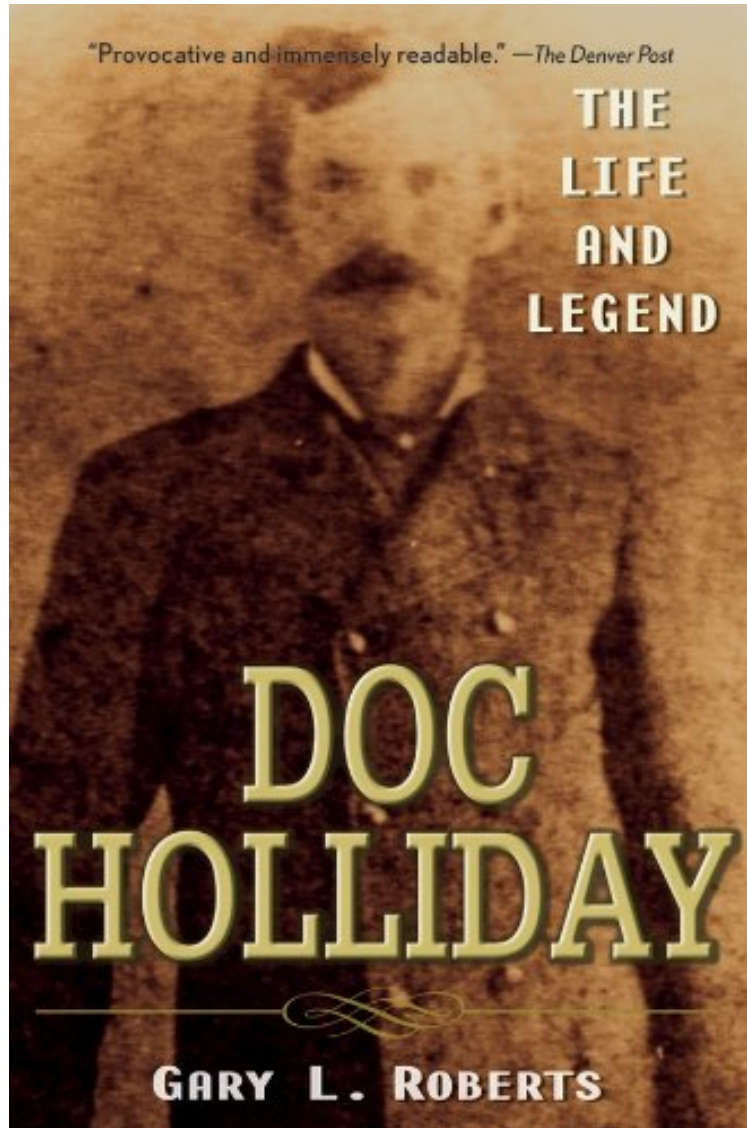


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Excellent biography about Doc HollidayVon Monika SimonJohn Henry 'Doc' Holliday is one of the most famous figures of the American Wild West. The dentist turned gambler is as much part of the history and legend of the Frontier as Wyatt Earp, Bat Masterson, Jesse James or Wild Bill Hickock. Often it is difficult - not to say almost

impossible - to distinguish between life and legend and it is with this difficulty firmly in mind that the author approaches his subject. In "Doc Holliday. The Life and Legend" Gary L. Roberts, Emeritus Professor of History and an acknowledged expert of the American West, carefully pieces together the facts of John Henry Holliday's life, often coming to very different conclusions than those which have become part of the established canon. On occasion, Roberts is unable to refrain from adding speculations to facts. However, speculating is hard to avoid for any biographer, and particularly if, as in the case of Holliday, the sources are so unsatisfactory. There are official records, for example of his studies and his frequent brushes with the law, but sadly no personal ones, like letters, survive. The contemporary newspaper reports have to be questioned as legend already overlay the truth and partisan politics often played as much a part in reporting as the establishment of facts. The reminiscences of Holliday's contemporaries were not only published decades later but each of them had their own axe to grind. Despite these problems Roberts's immense knowledge of the period and his wide-ranging research allows him to produce a thorough and credible recreation of Doc Holliday's life and to shed new light on events we thought we knew. As usual, I wish that the publishers had dared to publish the book with footnotes instead of endnotes, as much interesting material is hidden in them. Additionally, the endnotes would have benefitted from closer editing as occasionally the same facts crop up in the endnotes as in the main body of the book. Some notes are confusing and seem to have little to do with the text. "Doc Holliday. The Life and Legend" is truly gripping biography, well-researched and absolutely readable. 2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Empfehlenswerte Bio! Von K. Preetz Ein Buch über Doc Holliday zu schreiben, ist wie "putting clothes on an ghost" (Zitat Val Kilmer). Das bringt die Schwierigkeit für den Autor ganz gut auf den Punkt, aber gerade deswegen ist Gary Roberts' Ergebnis umso bemerkenswerter. Das Buch ist für mich die einzige vollständige "Zusammenfassung" des Lebens von Doc Holliday. Dennoch bleibt Holliday selbst nach der Lektüre dieses Werkes eine geheimnisvolle, wohl kaum jemals wirklich zu fassende Gestalt. Zu empfehlen ist die Bio aber in jedem Fall für alle, die am "Old West" interessiert sind.

Kurzbeschreibung "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. Pressestimmen "Highly recommended for both public and academic libraries" (Library Journal, March 15, 2006) "You can't beat this story for drama, and Roberts provides a step-by-step account of the gunfight." (Publishers Weekly, February 27, 2006) Rezension "Gary Roberts is one of a foremost of writers who has created a real literature and authentic history of the so-called Western. His exhaustively researched and beautifully written Doc Holliday: The Life and Legend reveals a pathetically ill and tortured figure, but one of such intense loyalty to Wyatt Earp that it brought him limping to the O.K. Corral and into the glare of history." Jack Burrows, author of John Ringo: The Gunfighter Who Never Was "Gary L. Roberts manifested an interest in Doc Holliday at a very early age, and he has devoted these past thirty-odd years to serious and detailed research in the development and writing of Doc Holliday: The Life and Legend. The world knows Holliday as Doc Holliday. Family members knew him as John. Somewhere in between the two lies the real John Henry Holliday. Roberts reflects this concept in his writing. This book should be of interest to Holliday devotees as well as newly-found readers." Susan McKey Thomas, cousin of Doc Holliday and co-author of In Search of the Hollidays "Doc Holliday emerges from the shadows for the first time in this important work of Western biography. Gary L. Roberts has put flesh and soul to the man who has long been one of the most mysterious figures of frontier history. This is both an important work and a wonderful read." Casey Tefertiller, author of Wyatt Earp: The Life Behind the Legend "The history of the American West is full of figures who have lived on as romanticized legends. They deserve serious study simply because they have continued to grip the public imagination. Such was Doc Holliday, and Gary Roberts has produced a model for looking at both the life and the legend of these frontier immortals." Robert M. Utley, author of The Lance and the Shield: The Life and Times of Sitting Bull "Splendid . . . not only the most readable yet definitive study of Holliday yet published, it is one of the best biographies of nineteenth century Western 'good-bad men' to appear in the last twenty years. It was so vivid and gripping that I read it twice." Howard R. Lamar, Sterling Professor of History Emeritus, Yale University and author of The New Encyclopedia of the American West "Gary Roberts has written the most thoroughly researched and comprehensive biography of Doc

Holliday in existence. Highly readable and insightful, it is an absolute must for all scholars and fans of the Old West."
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