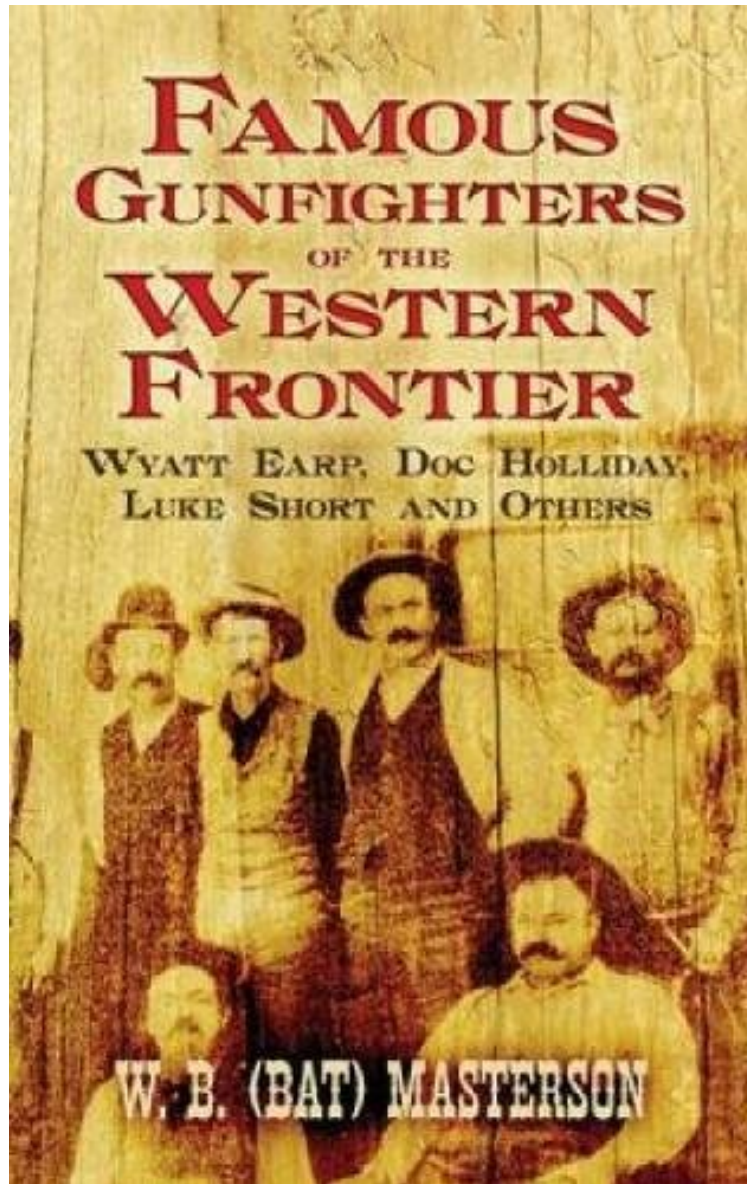


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**W. B. (Bat) Masterson : Famous Gunfighters of the Western Frontier: Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday, Luke Short and Others** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Famous Gunfighters of the Western Frontier: Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday, Luke Short and Others:

28 of 28 people found the following review helpful. The gunfighters by a gunfighterBy strength builderI have always been a history and biography buff, but with a special interest in the American West. Of all of the sources of information that I have come across over the years I believe that this small 105 page book has given me a greater insight into the psychology and motivation of the gunfighters than any other source that I have come across. After all it was written by a man who was there and was one of them. Bat Masterson was not only a gunfighter himself, but also a very perceptive observer and a talented writer having finished his career as a newspaper reporter. This is not a cleansed Hollywood version, but an authentic account of toughmen who lived in a lawless and threatening environment. You will not find all of their qualities endearing, but they were adventurers and risk takers who lived in an exciting and historically significant era. I have always felt that the reason that the image of the gunfighter created so much interest all over the world was because, while it may not be with guns, so many things in life ultimately come down to the "OK Corral" where everything is laying on the line. One of the most interesting things to me was Masterson's listing of the qualities of the successful gunfighter: 1. Courage 2. Experience 3. Deliberation Even given the first two qualities which are absolutely essential; without "Deliberation" and the required mental control a man could not be successful as a gunfighter and Masterson gives several examples of this principle 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. I would recommend this book to anyone who even has a "hint" of interest in the "Old West" By Bonnie Horwath I grew up watching (TV) Westerns, however I did not start to really appreciate them until we got "Encore Channel". (I do sometimes believe education is wasted on our youth :) ). I didn't realize how History was written into the scripts (may not be the exact truth ... TV censors wouldn't have allowed it! I'm still surprised that in the Theme Song for "Have Gun Will Travel" they managed then line "a soldier of fortune". I realize that has nothing to do with this book, but it did start me thinking and digging for more "facts", to see how many facts were in the programs. So at the age of 60???? (born in 1951) I am rediscovering the Westerns of my youth???? LOVE this book, not just the writing, but who wrote it, the era it was written, and of course the pictures .... once again I'm "hooked" only this time not because it practically the only thing on TV. I've already purchased other books and Kindles as well ... (Thank-you for the free download of the Kindle!!) One more point ... My husband is reading them as well (even asked how to use the computer!!! SHOCKER ;) ) 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. and the wit of good storyteller, this is Bat Masterson's real story on ... By History Princess A little exaggeration, here and there, and the wit of good storyteller, this is Bat Masterson's real story on the "real story" of Doc Holiday, Wyatt Earp, Ben Thompson, Luke Short and other famous Old West Gunfighters and Lawmen of the West. Some of the mini-biographies are entertaining by virtue of Masterson's own acquaintance with the subject. The old photos are not all new to most that have read western history before, but the writing is one-of-a-kind. Quite the read.

A legendary lawman, buffalo hunter, Indian fighter, and newspaper columnist, Bat Masterson served as sheriff of Ford County, Kansas, ruled Dodge City, and became an eyewitness to the heyday of the Old West's most notorious outlaws. His thrilling collection of mini-biographies reveals fascinating details about a host of legendary gunslingers, painting a vivid portrait of a world of sharpshooters, cattle rustlers, and frontier justice. First published as a series of magazine articles in 1907, these life-and-death dramas introduce you to some of the most famous gunfighters America has ever known. The roundup includes Wyatt Earp, who had a reputation for courage and calm, but went on the warpath when one of his five brothers was killed by stagecoach robbers; Doc Holliday, a mean-tempered dentist who loved poker and moonshine — and found trouble wherever he traveled; Ben Thompson, a fearless gunman who served in the Civil War and was determined to continue fighting after the last battle ended; Luke Short, a slightly built man with nerves of steel, who started out as a gambler and ended up a Shakespeare-quoting gentleman; and Bill Tilghman, who captured some of the West's most desperate criminals. Illustrated with forty-eight rare 19th-century photos, these colorful accounts will appeal to anyone with a love of Western lore.

About the Author Bat Masterson was a legendary lawman, buffalo hunter, Indian fighter, and newspaper columnist, who became sheriff of Ford County, Kansas. His territory, headquartered in Dodge City, ran approximately 300 miles east to west and north to south. A friend of Teddy Roosevelt, Masterson lived through life-and-death dramas only seen in movies and on TV shows such as Gunsmoke.