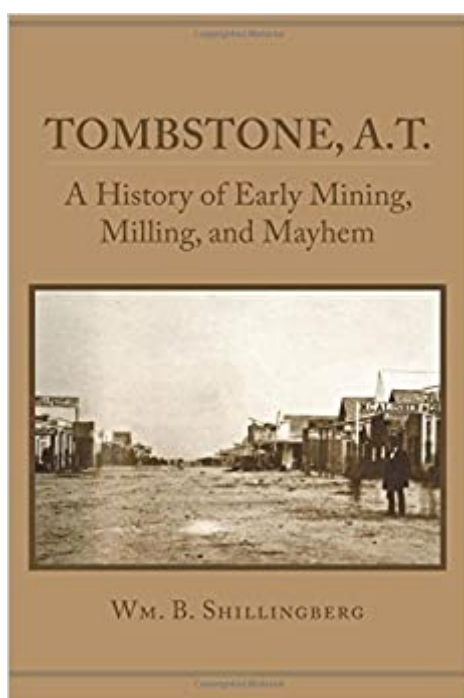


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Tombstone, A.T.: A History Of Early Mining, Milling, And Mayhem (Western Lands And Waters)



Synopsis

Once nearly forgotten, Tombstone, Arizona, is trapped in myth and legend. Walking its quiet streets, one finds it hard to separate truth from illusion and remember this was a real town, not some Hollywood fantasy. Tombstone's rough and rowdy exploits were reported from San Francisco to New York. William B. Shillingberg rediscovers the real Tombstone in this historical tour-de-force. The rough mining town of boomers and investors, of hard men and women seeking their fortunes, comes to life with startling clarity. Tombstone, A.T.: A History of Early Mining, Milling, and Mayhem relates true tales of those who founded and built the town, including the infamous Earps and Clantons. Shillingberg details life in a pioneer mining town, from the discoverers of the mines, Edward and Albert Schieffelin and Richard Gird, to the amazing cast of characters in the most celebrated gunfight in western history—the shootout at the OK Corral, between Wyatt, Virgil, and Morgan Earp, Doc Holliday, and a gang led by Ike Clanton. And tales of John Ringo, Frank Leslie, and diarist George W. Parsons are filled with the famous and the notorious. Today Tombstone slumbers, a shadow of its faded glory, supported by clouded memories and tourist dollars. But the real story remains, and Tombstone, A.T. tells it.

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Customer Reviews

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The book accurately separates the myth from the fact. But the facts are wonderful. I have never seen so many people pistol whipped, shot, shot at, robbed, or ticket for speeding (a common problem of Tombstone). It is extremely well documented. The book moves through history and there are places where you will want to know more. This book is more than a story about the Earps, just as Tombstone was more than a town about the Earps. The end of the book covers many of the characters of Tombstone covered in the book. Where they went later. How they died and what from. Even the net worths of the individuals. There are a few errors, but this is the best effort I have been able to find. I actually purchased my copy in Tombstone. The cost was about (...)! The gal that sold it to me was worth the extra price, being a self-proclaimed expert on Tombstone. Believe it or not, an old Tombstone cowboy recommended this book and the bookstore. Knowing Tombstone they were probably related. Seems like picking money off people in Tombstone is much the same today as it was in 1887. After reading it, you will want to scan back and reread many of the parts.

The Mining section is great. The Tombstone history on persons, events, etc. needs a proofread by someone who knows the period. Many errors on dates, persons, events. A good beginning. Looks like it is frozen about 5 yrs ago from current research. Still 1000% better than Odie Falk or anyone else out there. Tombstone was more than a mining town. It was also a minefield for historians. Very little said about the Earps. Many of the old timers just fade away. It would be insightful to actually know where they went and what they did later. Still "IT'S THE ONLY GAME IN TOWN" as Mark Smith, the Tombstone atty once said. A fascinating book on a fascinating subject. Leaves one hungering for MORE. Congrats to the author for even attempting this book. The footnote references are a bit obscure but maybe Mr. G. wanted it that way.

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