WYATT EARP U. S. Marshal

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The name of Wyatt Earp ranks as high in the history of the Old West as the names of Davy Crockett, Wild Bill Hickok, and Buffalo Bill Cody, for Wyatt Earp was possibly the greatest gunfighter the Old West ever knew.

Yet the tall, quiet man with the strikingly pale blue eyes ruled Dodge City, Wichita, and other wild cow towns only by fear of the unpressed trigger. He was the first frontier peace officer who believed that peace could be enforced without bloodshed, and only once did he shoot to kill. When he was forced by the sheriff of Tombstone, Arizona, to fight or run away, he chose to fight; and the battle of the O. K. Corral in October 1881, showed how he and his brothers fought in a show-down.

Today Tombstone is a ghostly hamlet, but it still rouses once a year, in October, to stage a celebration which attracts thousands of tourists and includes a realistic representation of Tombstone's most famous moment, when the Earp brothers and their friend Doc Holliday swung four abreast on Fremont Street, heading for the O. K. Corral.

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