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jtkoch@pbs.org pbsinternational.org Wyatt Earp has been portrayed in countless movies and television shows by some of Hollywood's greatest actors, including Henry Fonda, Jimmy Stewart and, more recently, Kevin Costner, but these popular fictions often belie the complexities and flaws of a man whose life is a lens on politics, justice, and economic opportunity on the American frontier.

As a young man, Earp was a caricature of the Western lawman, spending his days drinking in saloons, gambling, and visiting brothels. He gained notoriety as the legendary gunman in the shootout at the O.K. Corral in Tombstone, Arizona, but shortly after his death in 1929, distressed Americans down on their luck transformed Earp into a folk hero: a central figure in the American narrative of how the West was won, as a man who took control of his own destiny.

*Wyatt Earp* examines an ordinary man's role in that larger-than-life story, and how he became the legend that lives on today. The program is the latest in its stable of critically acclaimed Wild West biographies, including *Annie Oakley, Jesse James, Buffalo Bill,* and *Kit Carson. Wyatt Earp* features interviews with some of the best-known biographers and historians of the American West to present a fresh take on an old legend.

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