

**Jan Olof Olsson**

**Welcome to Tombstone**

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Tombstone lies high in Arizona and Jan Olsson came to it by chance. He stopped there because of its name, and at once he was fascinated by the mystery that seemed to surround the person of one of the old pioneers, Hassayamper, and also by the cemetery with its stock of curious inscriptions.

Today Tombstone has become a resort catering for people with rheumatism, but it began its life as a mining township where men came for the silver that has long disappeared. Its rise was meteoric, its prosperity considerable; and it was the town of those two famous characters, Wyatt Earp and Doc Halliday. The day-to-day happenings of its wild adventurous years are recorded in the pages of its newspaper, fittingly called *The Epitaph*.

Jan Olsson burrowed into the past until he had unearthed the history of the two strangest inscriptions in the cemetery; "Died a Natural Death", and "Hanged by mistake". His researches brought to light the entire history of Tombstone, which is a history *in parvo* of the Wild West, and the result is an absorbing and entertaining book which leaves you not only feeling that you know so much more about America, but that a way of life of genuine eccentricity, of savage and uncontrollable characters, has been brought to the surface and given new flesh and blood.

This is a book quite out of the ordinary, and it shows a writer of bizarre and exciting gifts at work on material ideally and intriguingly suited to his talent.

*Illustrated from photographs*

