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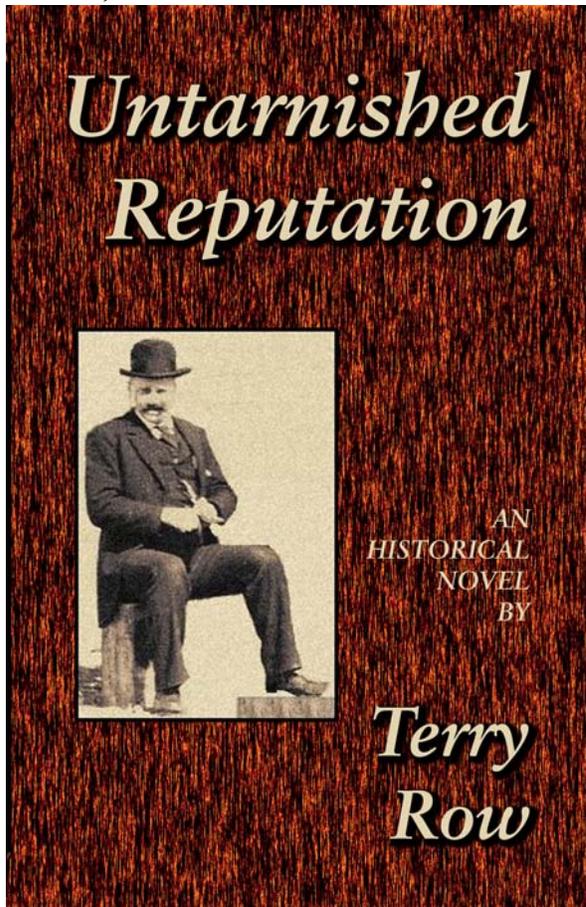
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CLIFTON EDWIN PUBLISHING RELEASES 'UNTARNISHED REPUTATION'

**A Tall Tale of the Old West Features Theodore Roosevelt, Wyatt Earp,
Doc Holliday, Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid**

SANTA BARBARA, CA., May 18 — Clifton Edwin Publishing, a small press in Santa Barbara, has announced the release of *Untarnished Reputation*, a novel of historical fiction by



Santa Barbara author Terry Row. The book is a tall tale of the Old West that seeks to explain the mysteries of the well-known Hunters Hot Springs photograph, purported to be a group portrait of fifteen men including Theodore Roosevelt, Wyatt Earp, Virgil Earp, Doc Holliday, Butch Cassidy, The Sundance Kid, Liver Eating Johnson and others, taken on the steps of a hotel in 1886 Montana.

“I was on vacation in Idaho,” Row reports, “where I saw a blow-up of this photograph displayed on the wall of a saloon. It didn’t take long to realize that the image had been printed backwards by mistake, but I was intrigued by the list of names that included participants of both the O.K. Corral shootout in Tombstone, Butch Cassidy’s Hole-in-the-Wall gang, as well as 28-year-old Theodore Roosevelt. I had never heard about such a meeting before. While some people think the photograph is both contemporary and authentic, or that the people in the photograph are ordinary

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citizens, not celebrities, others think the photograph is a complete fake. The debate continues to this day. After some research, I determined that these celebrities of the Old West were all documented to be in or near Montana in the summer of 1886, so I decided to invent a story to fit the photograph.”

The author soon found some valuable resources on the Internet, a website dedicated to the Hunters Hot Springs photograph and its Webmaster, Jason Leaf, who has spent a lot of time and energy trying to correctly identify the fifteen men, the time period, and the location of the hotel. “*Untarnished Reputation*,” commented Leaf, “is an engrossing tale written in the style of Theodore Roosevelt's adventure journal, *Hunting Trips of a Ranchman*. Mr. Row has wedded several theories having to do with the now-infamous Hunters Hot Springs group photograph. He has spun them nicely into an intriguing fictional interpretation of how and why a soon-to-be president Roosevelt in 1901 might have sought the secret service of Bat Masterson to cover up a fifteen-year-old scandal. Butch Cassidy, Sundance and Etta, Virgil and Wyatt Earp, and other well-known lawmen and outlaws too numerous to mention, figure prominently in this Old West story of honor and reputation. A rollicking good yarn follows two timelines, one told from the point of view of a young Teddy Roosevelt. Very entertaining, and certainly it's a must-read for TR fans, or for anyone who has ever seen a copy of the Hunters Hot Springs group photo!”

Terry Row began professional life as a musician. An outstanding oboe player, he attended the Juilliard School and the California Institute of the Arts. Early in his career, he performed throughout the United States and Europe in orchestras, chamber ensembles, and as a soloist. He made a dozen recordings and toured North America during five years as a member of the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra. At the age of thirty, he chose a new direction for his life, returning to school and becoming a computer consultant and expert on relational database design, living and working in San Francisco, San Jose, and Los Angeles. Now living in Santa Barbara, he remains a lifelong avocationist, pursuing independent studies in writing, literature, poetry, bookbinding, history, cinema, photography, music, travel, eclipse-chasing, astronomy, chess, numismatics, gardening, and bird watching. His first book, *Summer Capricorn*, was published in 2006.

Established in 2003, Clifton Edwin Publishing plans to release additional titles by Terry Row in the future, including *Urgent That You Contact*, a thriller mystery about a computer forensics expert who seems to be receiving messages from the other side, *Phyllis Marie*, a novel based on the true story of the author's parents—a World War II bomber pilot and his wife, after whom he named his B-17—and *An Absence of Doves*, a thriller mystery about a gruesome series of murders in modern day Los Angeles and the detective who tries to solve it.

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