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**Kidding Around Las Vegas** Oct 29 2019 Author Kathy Espin has compiled a guide to hundreds of fun, wholesome, and educational activities that children of all ages will enjoy. "Kidding Around Las Vegas" offers firsthand details on every kid-friendly attraction in and around Las Vegas, from knock-your-socks-off thrill rides to horseback riding at a dude ranch.

**Las Vegas For Dummies** May 17 2021 Las Vegas can be classy or tacky, cheesy or a bit sleazy, and it's always entertaining. Get ready to cruise the hot spots, test your luck at the casinos, shop the upscale boutiques, take in the spectacular shows, hit the swinging dance clubs, or escape from the glitz and neon and take in natural wonders on refreshing day trips. This guide gives you insider info on where to go and what to do, with great advice on how to: Find the best casinos and play the most popular games Stroll the strip, where you can watch a volcano explode, see the ancient Pyramids, and explore New York, Paris, Rome, and Venice Dine on delicacies prepared by celebrity chefs such as Joel Robuchon at the Mansion (in the MGM Grand) or Emeril Lagasse at Table 10 (in the Palazzo), load up at buffets like Paris, Le Village Buffet (in the Paris Hotel), or split a sub at Capriotti's Take in spectacular entertainment from Cirque de Soleil, Blue Man Group, Penn & Teller, and many more Enjoy performances by big-name stars like Celine Dion or catch the classic topless Vegas revue, Jubilee! See shows like the magnificent Bellagio Water Fountains, hang out with dolphins at Mirage's Dolphin Habitat, or tour the inimitable Liberace Museum Like every For Dummies travel guide, Las Vegas For Dummies, Fifth Edition includes: Down-to-earth trip-planning advice What you shouldn't miss — and what you can skip The best hotels and restaurants for every budget Lots of detailed maps You'll even find a time-saving "Quick Concierge" section with key phone numbers, addresses, and handy how-to's for getting around so you won't miss a minute of the Vegas action!

**Stripping Las Vegas** Jul 31 2022

**Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas** Feb 23 2022 50th Anniversary Edition • With an introduction by Caity Weaver, acclaimed New York Times journalist This cult classic of gonzo journalism is the best chronicle of drug-soaked, addle-brained, rollicking good times ever committed to the printed page. It is also the tale of a long weekend road trip that has gone down in the annals of American pop culture as one of the strangest journeys ever undertaken. Also a major motion picture directed by Terry Gilliam, starring Johnny Depp and Benicio del Toro.

**Las Vegas Then and Now®** Feb 11 2021 Las Vegas Then and Now captures the city's evolution from a desert railroad outpost into the gambling and entertainment capital of the world. Pairing historical photographs of the town with specially commissioned views of the same scene today, this book provides the reader with an intriguing look into the history of a city that has become a cultural icon for all that is best and worst in American society. Sites include: Fremont Street, Railroad Depot, Union Pacific Station, Arizona Club, Golden Nugget, El Portal Theatre, Nevada Hotel, Sal Sagev Hotel, El Cortez, Vegas Vic, The Mint Hotel, Las Vegas Post Office/Mob Museum, El Rancho Vegas, Last Frontier, New Frontier, Little Church of the West, Flamingo, Thunderbird Hotel, Desert Inn, Sahara Hotel, Sands Hotel, Stardust, Riviera, La Concha Motel, Dunes Hotel, Caesars Palace, Hacienda, Tropicana, Castaways, MGM Grand, Aladdin, Boardwalk, International, Landmark Hotel, Las Vegas Convention Center, Moulin Rouge, Showboat and much more.

**Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas** Oct 10 2020 Records the experiences of a free-lance writer who embarked on a zany journey into the drug culture

**Las Vegas in Singapore** Nov 03 2022 Las Vegas in Singapore looks at the collision of the histories of Singapore and Las Vegas in the form of Marina Bay Sands, one of Singapore's two integrated resorts. The first history begins in colonial Singapore in the 1880s, when British administrators revised gambling laws in response to the political threat posed by Chinese-run gambling syndicates. Following the tracks of these punitive laws and practices, the book moves into the 1960s when the newly independent city-state created a national lottery while criminalizing both organized and petty gambling in the name of nation-building. The second history shifts the focus to corporate Las Vegas in the 1950s when digital technology and corporate management practices found each other on the casino floor. Tracing the emergence of the specialist casino designer, the book reveals how casino development evolved into a highly rationalized spatial template designed to maximize profits. Today an iconic landmark of Singapore, Marina Bay Sands is also an artifact of these two histories, an attempt by Singapore to normalize what was once criminalized in its nationalist history. Lee Kah-Wee argues that the historical project of the control of vice is also about the control of space and capital. The result is an uneven landscape where the legal and moral status of gambling is contingent on where it is located. As the current wave of casino expansion spreads across Asia, he warns that these developments should not be seen as liberalization but instead as a continuation of the project of concentrating power by modern states and corporations.

**Las Vegas, 1905-1965** May 05 2020 Everyone thinks they know the story of Las Vegas: the showgirls, the gambling, the mob. But Las Vegas has always been much more. Families have lived here since its founding in 1905. After 1931, legalized gaming became the big tourist draw, and following World War II, the town began to market itself as "America's Playground." That is when the famed Las Vegas Strip came into its own and downtown was dubbed "Glitter Gulch." These vintage postcards show how Las Vegas evolved from a dusty railroad town into the "Entertainment Capital of the World," while remaining a city filled with families and pioneering souls.

**More Peoples of Las Vegas** Sep 28 2019 The remarkable economic growth of Las Vegas between 1980 and 2007 created a population boom and a major increase in the ethnic and religious diversity of the city. Today, over 21 percent of the city's population is foreign born, and over 30 percent speak a language other than English at home. The local court system offers interpreters in 82 languages, and in 2005/2006, for example, more than 11,000 people, originating from 138 countries, were naturalized there as American citizens. More Peoples of Las Vegas extends the survey of this city's cosmopolitan population begun in *The Peoples of Las Vegas* (University of Nevada Press, 2005). As in the previous book, this volume includes well-established groups like the Irish and Germans, and recently arrived groups like the Ethiopians and Guatemalans. Essays describe the history of each group in Las Vegas and the roles they play in the life and economy of the city. The essays also explore the influence of modern telecommunications and accessible air travel, showing how these factors allow newcomers to create transnational identities and maintain ties with families and culture back home. They also examine the role of local institutions—including clubs, religious organizations, shops, restaurants, and newspapers and other media—in helping immigrants maintain their ethnic and religious identities and in disseminating national and even regional cultures of origin. More Peoples of Las Vegas adds to our awareness of the rich and varied ethnic and religious character of Las Vegas. In a broader context, it offers thoughtful perspectives on the impact of globalization on a major American city and on the realities of immigrant life in the twenty-first century.

Las Vegas Sep 08 2020 Fueled by the poker craze and hit TV shows, Las Vegas is hot, with more than 37 million visitors annually. But the city is more than just bright lights and blackjack, as Michael Green, professor and Editor-in-Chief of the Nevada Historical Society Quarterly proves. Follow the fascinating, sometimes scandalous stories behind the glittery facade with splendid images that capture both the man-made glitz and nature's splendor. Experience the old-from the Mojave Desert to the downtown Paiute colony-that offers a refreshing change of pace from the central action. Go into the neighborhoods where locals live their everyday lives. And, of course, walk down every inch of the famous Strip: hotels and casinos; fun sites such as the Elvis-O-Rama Museum; and arcades, malls, bars, and landmarks.

*Las Vegas* Aug 27 2019 Deep within the desert of Nevada sits the ultimate modern oasis. Welcoming millions of visitors per year, Las Vegas has become synonymous with the American ideal of vacation and pleasure. From the world's largest hotels to the brightest man-made lights to the themed facades of countless casinos, everything about Las Vegas is bigger, brighter, and over-the-top. It is a city all about resorts. From big to small, classical to richly-themed, the Vegas experience begins and ends within the walls of these mammoth tributes to leisure. Enjoy headlining shows. Experience the finest dining. Take a walk down the famous Las Vegas Strip, or view it from atop the tallest building west of the Mississippi River. From its humble beginnings as rustic gambling retreat on a lonely desert road to its current status as the quintessential mega vacation destination, Las Vegas is on a perpetual quest to become bigger and better than ever before. With this book as a guide, anyone can explore the very best that this unforgettable city has to offer.

**Las Vegas Little Black Book** Oct 02 2022 Aimed at gentlemen looking for a good time on the strip, whether it be a bachelor party or guy's weekend, the star of the Discovery Channel's reality series "American Casino" provides the where and how much for hotels, food, drink, gambling, sport, entertainment, and companionship in Sin City. Original.

*The Moulin Rouge and Black Rights in Las Vegas* Nov 22 2021 Originally opened in May 1955, the Moulin Rouge Hotel and Casino quickly rose in popularity as Las Vegas' first racially-integrated hotel and casino. Sammy Davis, Jr., Louis Armstrong, and other A-list black singers and musicians performed at the Moulin Rouge on a regular basis, and for once they were allowed to spend the night in the same hotel where they performed. This book explains the important role that the hotel-casino played in early desegregation efforts in Las Vegas. With the Moulin Rouge as the backdrop, it provides an analysis of the evolution of race-relations in Las Vegas, including a detailed account of the landmark 1960 desegregation agreement. Finally, it examines recent efforts to rebuild and renovate the historic establishment.

Planet Vegas Mar 15 2021 Planet Vegas is the most spectacular and comprehensive photographic celebration of Las Vegas ever undertaken. In more than 200 stunning color photographs, from twenty of the world's leading photojournalists, Planet Vegas captures the beauty, grandeur, and complexity of this glorious fantasy land of neon lights, free-flowing cash, and unrivaled showmanship. Once known as "Sin City" for its casinos and bawdy stage shows, Las Vegas has transformed itself again and again to become the grandest and most audacious capital of family entertainment the world has ever known. But Las Vegas is no longer just America's premiere showplace, it is also the country's fastest growing city and home to the hundreds of thousands of ordinary people who make the city run and give it its spirit. Planet Vegas takes us deep into both of these worlds in dozens of stunning images, showcasing the rich and varied sights and sensations that could only be found there: the giant sphinx poised outside the pyramid-shaped Luxor hotel and casino, Siegfried and Roy at home on their ranch surrounded by royal white tigers and a pure white lion, a glimpse behind-the-scenes of the world's largest buffet, the stark, natural beauty of Red Rock Canyon, Elvis Presley look-alikes by the bushel, the majesty of the luminescent fountains outside Caesars Palace, the heavily guarded casino counting rooms, through which millions of dollars in cash and chips pass each day, and the Stratosphere Tower, the tallest free-standing building west of the Mississippi. Planet Vegas also shows us scenes from the Las Vegas most visitors never see - images of the people who grow up, get married, go to work, have babies, and live just like everyone else.

**Burning the Tables in Las Vegas** Jan 13 2021 In the mid-1970s, Ian Andersen wrote *Turning the Tables on Las Vegas*, the classic book on casino comportment. As the first book to broach the all-important consideration of how to get away with getting the money, *Turning* was the book that launched a thousand blackjack careers. After its publication, however, Andersen disappeared from the scene. Where did he go? The answer is spelled out in this long-awaited sequel, *Burning the Tables in Las Vegas--Keys to Success in Blackjack and in Life*. Since 1976, Andersen has been perfecting his personal program for success in blackjack, poker, and other of life's games. His technique I combines elements of mathematics, psychology, and mental and physical well-being to create a never-before disclosed approach to winning. *Burning the Tables in Las Vegas* addresses virtually every aspect of blackjack advantage play: game selection, longevity, tipping, employee relations, guises, disguises, false identification, credit, comps, risk, heat, dress, demeanor, and diet. Andersen also explains how emotions, such as guilt and anger, and skills, such as discipline and interpersonal competence, can affect your prospects for profit. Peppared with fascinating anecdotes and stories from Andersen's forays into the great casinos of the world, *Burning the Tables in Las Vegas* takes you on a vicarious journey into rarefied realm of the high-stakes blackjack pro--and show you what it takes to be one.

**Explorer's Guide Las Vegas: A Great Destination** Dec 24 2021 Where can you see the Eiffel Tower, Caesar's centurions, the Sphinx, and an active volcano all on the same boulevard? Las Vegas, of course! This iconic city attracts more than 40 million visitors each year, and this definitive guide covers every aspect of its appeal. With a checkered history and a passion for fun, Las Vegas changes more rapidly than any other city in the United States, and it draws business and pleasure travelers from all over the world, offering them every luxury and amusement imaginable. The authors, longtime Las Vegas residents, strive to make sure every visitor has the vacation experience he or she is looking for. In their comprehensive guide you'll get the insider's scoop on the best restaurants and clubs; what to see and do both on and off the Strip; an overview of popular shows along with tips on booking tickets; and valuable info on the area's many outdoor recreation options.

**Diva Las Vegas** Jan 01 2020 Alexis Peterson is delighted when her friend, ex-Playboy Playmate Shana Stern, invites her to Hugh Hefner's infamous Halloween party. But the fun ends when, after a few drinks, Shana is found dead. Alex's investigation leads her to a soap opera convention in Las Vegas, and bodies continue to pile up on the strip. She must catch this killer who is more vicious than any television critic...

**Lost in Las Vegas** Dec 12 2020 After crashing their spaceship in the Nevada desert, Klatu, Lek, and their sister Ploo go to Las Vegas in search of the one mechanic who can fix it.

*Mapping Historical Las Vegas* Jul 07 2020 This book takes readers on a cartographic journey through thousands of years of history in Las Vegas and explores many dimensions of the city today. Experience what Las Vegas was like in 1865, 1905, what lies beneath the waters of Lake Mead, and what goes on in the vast public lands around the city.

**Eyewitness Travel Guide - Las Vegas** Sep 20 2021 No Marketing Blurb

Insight Guides Pocket Las Vegas (Travel Guide eBook) Jun 05 2020 Insight Guides: Inspiring your next adventure Spectacular, escapist and surreal, there is no other city on earth like Las Vegas. Be inspired to visit by the brand new Insight Pocket Guide Las Vegas, a concise, full-colour guide to this desert metropolis that combines lively text with vivid photography to highlight the best that Las Vegas has to offer. Inside Insight Pocket Guide Las Vegas: Where To Go details all the key sights in and around the city, from mega resorts on The Strip to the Grand Canyon, while handy maps on the cover flaps help you find your way around, and are cross-referenced to the text. Top 10 Attractions gives a run-down of the best sights to take in on your trip, including The Fremont Street Experience, the Luxor, the Big Shot and the Hoover Dam. A Perfect Day in Las Vegas provides an itinerary for one day in the city. What To Do gives you the lowdown on the most popular games, the best entertainment shows, and the city's nightlife, sports and other activities. Essential information the origins of the city and the infamous figures associated with it. Eating Out covers the city's best cuisine. Curated listings of the best hotels and restaurants. A-Z of all the practical information you'll need. About Insight Guides: Insight Guides has over 40 years' experience of publishing high-quality, visual travel guides. We produce around 400 full-color print guide books and maps as well as picture-packed eBooks to meet different travelers' needs. Insight Guides' unique combination of beautiful travel photography and focus on history and culture together create a unique visual reference and planning tool to inspire your next adventure. 'Insight Guides has spawned many imitators but is still the best of its type.' - Wanderlust Magazine

*In the Spirit of Las Vegas* Jul 27 2019 Initially a one-horse outpost in the middle of the desert, Las Vegas has become the symbol of entertainment of our twenty-first-century world. The history of this strange city is a fabulous mix between reality and dreams. Its heroes are Frank Sinatra, Elvis Presley, Howard Hughes. Its scenes are casinos, extravagant hotels, gigantic boxing rings, or spectacular sets for cult films, like *Casino*, *Ocean's Eleven*, and *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*. Sin City attracts millions of people each year, thousands of couples, and makes both fortunes and ruins. This book chronicles the rise of this special desert oasis and the way it became the ultimate dream destination. A selected guide completes the volume with information on the best hotels, restaurants, nightclubs, bars, spas, and sports and entertainment venues everything that makes Vegas a truly amazing place.

**Las Vegas: A Desert Paradise** Mar 27 2022 "PROLOGUE THE SEARCH FOR GOOD WATER On November 7, 1829, a New Mexican trader named Antonio Armijo led a 60-man party on the first leg of what became a historic deviation from the Great Spanish Trail route to Los Angeles. That deviation resulted in the discovery of Las Vegas. By Christmas Day, Armijo's caravan had crossed southern Utah and moved into the northwest corner of Arizona. The caravan camped near what is now Littlefield — a sleepy hamlet about 100 miles northeast of present Las Vegas. Armijo dispatched a reconnaissance party to look for a possible shortcut west, and to look for water. A member of the party was a young Mexican scout named Rafael Rivera. He decided to break away from the main party and head due west alone over unexplored desert." Excerpt From: Ralph J. Roske. "Las Vegas: A Desert Paradise." iBooks.

**Casino** Nov 10 2020 The true story behind the Martin Scorsese film: A "riveting . . . account of how organized crime looted the casinos they controlled" (Kirkus Reviews). Focusing on Chicago bookie Frank "Lefty" Rosenthal and his partner, Anthony Spilotro, and drawing on extensive, in-depth interviews, the #1 New York Times–bestselling author of the Mafia classic *Wiseguy*—basis for the film *Goodfellas*—Nicholas Pileggi reveals how the pair worked together to oversee Las Vegas casino operations for the mob. He unearths how Teamster pension funds were used to take control of the Stardust and Tropicana and how Spilotro simultaneously ran a crew of jewel thieves nicknamed the "Hole in the Wall Gang." For years, these gangsters kept a stranglehold on Sin City's brightly lit nightspots, skimming millions in cash for their bosses. But the elaborate scheme began to crumble when Rosenthal's disproportionate ambitions drove him to make mistakes. Spilotro made an error of his own, falling for his partner's wife, a troubled showgirl named Geri. It would all lead to betrayal, a wide-ranging FBI investigation, multiple convictions, and the end of the Mafia's longstanding grip on the multibillion-dollar gaming oasis in the midst of the Nevada desert. *Casino* is a journey into 1970s Las Vegas and a riveting nonfiction account of the world portrayed in the Martin Scorsese film of the same name, starring Robert DeNiro, Joe Pesci, and Sharon Stone. A story of adultery, murder, infighting, and revenge, this "fascinating true-crime Mob history" is a high-stakes page-turner (Booklist).

**Lost Las Vegas** Jun 17 2021 *Lost Las Vegas* traces the cherished places in the city that time and the brutal forces of economics have swept aside before the National Register of Historic Places could save them from the wrecker's ball or, in the case of Las Vegas, before the Neon Boneyard can claim them. Organised chronologically starting with the earliest losses and ending with the latest, the book details the many hotels and casinos that failed to move with the times and got swept away for something bigger, better and brighter. Legendary names in the field of entertainment have come and gone - the Sands hotel featured many of the rapack in residence, but the casino is long gone. Howard Hughes and the mob featured heavily in Vegas history but neither could sustain their success for very long. Today, it is the showgirl who is under threat. That Vegas institution is under threat from the big setpiece shows such as *Cirque du Soleil*. Losses include: Arizona Club, El Portal Theater, Clark County Courthouse, Hotel Nevada, First State Bank, Las Vegas Rail depot, El Dorado Club, Old Ice House, Atomic Tourism, Helldorado on Fremont Street, The Green Shack, El Rancho Vegas, Hotel Last Frontier, Desert Inn, Sands, Sahara, The Thunderbird, The Mint, Royal Nevada, Stardust, Showboat, Hotel Biltmore, Dunes, Hacienda, Moulin Rouge, Tally Ho, Paddlewheel/Debby Reynold's. Silver Slipper, Tam O'Shanter, Bonanza, Boardwalk Casino, Old Las Vegas Convention Center, Landmark Hotel, Aladdin, La Concha, Westward Ho!, Castaways

**Las Vegas** May 29 2022 The meteoric rise of Las Vegas from a remote Mormon outpost to an international entertainment center was never a sure thing. In its first decades, the town languished, but when Nevada legalized casino gambling in 1931, Las Vegas met its destiny. This act—combined with the growing popularity of the automobile, cheap land and electricity, and changing national attitudes toward gambling—led to the fantastic casinos and opulent resorts that became the trademark industry of the city and created the ambiance that has made Las Vegas an icon of pleasure. This volume celebrates the city's unparalleled growth, examining both the development of its gaming industry and the creation of an urban complex that over two million people proudly call home. Here are the colorful characters who shaped the city as well as the political, business, and civic decisions that influenced its growth. The story extends chronologically from the first Paiute people to the construction of the latest megaresorts, and geographically far beyond the original township to include the several municipalities that make up today's vast metropolitan Las Vegas area.

**Las Vegas Cocktails** Jun 25 2019 An eye-catching collection of over 100 recipes inspired by Sin City. Enjoy a sip of Sin City even after you touchdown back home with profiles and recipes from hit mixologists and bartenders that are the life of the nightlife. From casino bars to couture attractions, enjoy recipes that echo the highlights of Las Vegas in both showmanship and flavor. Drink like a local, even when hundreds of miles away with photographs and design elements from the heart of the strip. *City Cocktails* profiles some of the most happening cities in the world to give readers a taste of paradise, no matter where they set their glass.

**Weird Las Vegas and Nevada** Aug 08 2020 A travel guide to Las Vegas that also focusses on the neglect of its historic places.

**The Secret History of Las Vegas** Apr 27 2022 A gritty, riveting, and wholly original murder mystery from PEN/Hemingway Award-winning author and 2015 Edgar Awards winner Chris Abani Before he can retire, Las Vegas detective Salazar is determined to solve a recent spate of murders. When he encounters a pair of conjoined twins with a container of blood near their car, he's sure he has apprehended the killers, and enlists the help of Dr. Sunil Singh, a South African transplant who specializes in the study of psychopaths. As Sunil tries to crack the twins, the implications of his research grow darker. Haunted by his betrayal of loved ones back home during apartheid, he seeks solace in the love of Asia, a prostitute with hopes of escaping that life. But Sunil's own troubled past is fast on his heels in the form of a would-be assassin. Suspenseful through the last page, *The Secret History of Las Vegas* is Chris Abani's most accomplished work to date, with his trademark visionary prose and a striking compassion for the inner lives of outsiders.

**Elvis in Vegas** Jan 25 2022 "Outstanding pop-culture history." —*Newsday* The "smart and zippy account" (*The Wall Street Journal*) of how Las Vegas saved Elvis and Elvis saved Las Vegas in the greatest musical comeback of all time. Elvis's 1969 opening night in Vegas was his first time back on a live stage in more than eight years. His career had gone sour—bad movies, mediocre pop songs that no longer made the charts—and he'd been dismissed by most critics as over-the-hill. But in Vegas he played the biggest showroom in the biggest hotel in the city, drawing more people for his four-week engagement than any other show in Vegas history. His performance got rave reviews; "Suspicious Minds," the song he introduced there, gave him his first number-one hit in seven years; and Elvis became Vegas's biggest star. Over the next seven years, he performed more than 600 shows there, and sold out every one. Las Vegas was changed, too. By the end of the '60s, Vegas' golden age—when the Rat Pack led a glittering array of stars who made it the nation's premier live-entertainment center—was losing its luster. Elvis created a new kind of Vegas show: an over-the-top, rock-concert extravaganza. He set a new bar for Vegas performers, with the biggest salary, the biggest musical production, and the biggest promotion campaign the city had ever seen. He opened the door to a new generation of pop/rock artists and brought a new audience to Vegas—not the traditional well-heeled older gamblers, but a mass audience from Middle America that Vegas depends on for its success to this day. At once "a fascinating history of Vegas as gambling capital, celebrity playground, mob hangout, [and] entertainment Valhalla" (*Rolling Stone*) and the incredible "tale of how the King got his groove back" (*Associated Press*), *Elvis in Vegas* is a classic feel-good story for the ages.

**The Strip** Mar 03 2020 The transformations of the Strip—from the fake Wild West to neon signs twenty stories high to "starchitecture"—and how they mirror America itself. The Las Vegas Strip has impersonated the Wild West, with saloon doors and wagon wheels; it has decked itself out in midcentury modern sleekness. It has illuminated itself with twenty-story-high neon signs, then junked them. After that came Disney-like theme parks featuring castles and pirates, followed by replicas of Venetian canals, New York skyscrapers, and the Eiffel Tower. (It might be noted that forty-two

million people visited Las Vegas in 2015—ten million more than visited the real Paris.) More recently, the Strip decided to get classy, with casinos designed by famous architects and zillion-dollar collections of art. Las Vegas became the “implosion capital of the world” as developers, driven by competition, got rid of the old to make way for the new—offering a non-metaphorical definition of “creative destruction.” In *The Strip*, Stefan Al examines the many transformations of the Las Vegas Strip, arguing that they mirror transformations in America itself. The Strip is not, as popularly supposed, a display of architectural freaks but representative of architectural trends and a record of social, cultural, and economic change. Al tells two parallel stories. He describes the feverish competition of Las Vegas developers to build the snazziest, most tourist-grabbing casinos and resorts—with a cast of characters including the mobster Bugsy Siegel, the eccentric billionaire Howard Hughes, and the would-be political kingmaker Sheldon Adelson. And he views the Strip in a larger social context, showing that it has not only reflected trends but also magnified them and sometimes even initiated them. Generously illustrated with stunning color images throughout, *The Strip* traces the many metamorphoses of a city that offers a vivid projection of the American dream.

**Las Vegas** Aug 20 2021 Whether known as "The Entertainment Capital of the World" or Sin City, Glitter Gulch or even "Lost Wages" Nevada, the dazzling city of Las Vegas has undergone incredible transformation—from ancient watering hole to Mormon fort, from whistle stop to mob-run profit center—to become the fastest-growing urban community in the nation. Home to nearly 1.5 million residents, a melting pot of races and cultures, this great metropolis boasts a thrilling history of vices and virtues but, above all, a steadfast and uncompromising spirit.

**Las Vegas Babylon** Apr 15 2021 What happens in Vegas doesn't necessarily stay in Vegas and the proof is in this lively and entertaining compilation of stories chronicling decades of decadence, celebrity shenanigans, and political corruption, as well as the glitz and glamour of the casinos that pass for everyday life in Las Vegas. With fast-paced and entertaining prose, Jeff Burbank captures the true stories from Las Vegas' seedy underbelly that have led to America's 100-year fascination with the aptly named Sin City.

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**A Short History of Las Vegas** Apr 03 2020 Today's Las Vegas welcomes 35 million visitors a year and reigns as the world's premier gaming mecca. But it is much more than a gambling paradise. In *A Short History of Las Vegas*, Barbara and Myrick Land reveal a fascinating history beyond the mobsters, casinos, and showgirls. The authors present a complete story, beginning with southern Nevada's indigenous peoples and the earliest explorers to the first pioneers to settle in the area; from the importance of the railroad and the construction of Hoover Dam to the arrival of the Mob after World War II; from the first isolated resorts to appear in the dusty desert to the upscale, extravagant theme resorts of today. Las Vegas—and its history—is full of surprises. The second edition of this lively history includes details of the latest developments and describes the growing anticipation surrounding the Las Vegas centennial celebration in 2005. New chapters focus on the recent implosions of famous old structures and the construction of glamorous new developments, headline-making mergers and multibillion-dollar deals involving famous Strip properties, and a concluding look at what life is like for the nearly two million residents who call Las Vegas home.

**Las Vegas Little Red Book** Jun 29 2022 Saucy insider Molly Sullivan shows you that it's not your boyfriend's, husband's, father's or brother's Vegas anymore! Molly's *Las Vegas Little Red Book* is the perfect entree to that unforgettable no tell weekend for single gals on the prowl, soccer moms on holiday, and all those fabulous fun-seeking women in between!

**The Battle for Las Vegas** Sep 01 2022 From the 1970s through the mid-1980s, the Chicago Outfit dominated organized crime in Las Vegas. To ensure the smooth flow of cash, the gangsters installed a front man with no criminal background, Allen R. Glick, as the casino owner of record, Frank “Lefty” Rosenthal as the real boss of casino operations, and Tony Spilotro as the ultimate enforcer, who'd do whatever it took to protect their interests. It wasn't long before Spilotro, also in charge of Vegas street crime, was known as the “King of the Strip.” Federal and local law enforcement, recognizing the need to rid the casinos of the mob and shut down Spilotro's rackets, declared war on organized crime. *The Battle for Las Vegas* relates the story of the fight between the tough guys on both sides, told in large part by the agents and detectives who knew they had to win.

**Las Vegas, the Untold Stories** Jan 31 2020 You're about to enter a city that has no equal. It was built by extraordinary people with imaginative minds. Did they drink? Not sure, but why else would they build it in a Nevada desert? Some say you can go anywhere in the world and discover that people not only know about Las Vegas—they'd give anything to get there. True. As soon as I graduated from college I took an all-night bus to reach a city I'd heard of, but never seen. I stayed 30 years. Damn good years, too. And the mystique of the entertainers and the film stars and the elaborate restaurants and 24-hour-a-day casinos never wore off. I spent 20 of my years at the Sahara, on the Strip, got inside the gambling business in the 60s and loved it. Helped it, too, with my writing and my inventions. The Mob was still around in those days. They were the first venture capitalists and owned a piece of every casino in town. Did that stop anyone from having a good time? Of course not. Gradually the Mob faded away—which is what happens when an FBI office with 15 agents sets up shop in town. But the gaiety didn't stop for a second, even when corporations realized they were the big guys now. Our Sahara entertainment director stunned us in 1964 when he made a deal with The Beatles to play two shows. I met the boys after dark at a small Las Vegas airport, rode with them to the Sahara and helped get them to their suite before teen age girls tore their clothes off. So take a chance, have a seat and enjoy that drink in front of you. Its time to start the show. --John Romero

**Afoot and Afield: Las Vegas and Southern Nevada** Nov 30 2019 Beyond the bright lights of one of the city's fastest growing metropolitan areas is some of the most rugged, beautiful, and remote country around. Popular destinations such as Red Rock Canyon, Valley of Fire, Death Valley, and Mt. Charles are covered, plus lesser-known areas such as Anniversary Narrows, Arrow Canyon, Bowl of Fire, and the Wee Thump Joshua Tree Wilderness. Each trip showcases the diversity of this region, from the geological wonders and rare life forms surviving in Mojave National Preserve to ancient petroglyphs. The hikes range from easy strolls to challenging treks and include distance, time, elevation change, difficulty, and trail-use notes. A custom map accompanies every description, and GPS waypoints are given for key locations.

**Leaving Las Vegas** Jul 19 2021 Describes the love affair between a prostitute and an alcoholic gambler who has come to Las Vegas to drink himself to death