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# Fabulous Las Vegas In The 50s: Glitz, Glamour & Games



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## Customer Reviews

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Nice book. Was hoping for some more original pictures but overall it was nice

Great book great seller

I've been living in LV for 12 years and love it!! I shared this with friends who are w/long-time residents and just the look on their faces was worth a million. I hope they come out w/more of these.

great book.

This is an interesting book on the history 1950's Las Vegas casino's. Mostly pictures and old graphics but that is what I was looking for. I enjoy this book very much.

This was a pricey book for the content inside. Lots of "artists renderings" v. actual photos. I also expected more written info. This is really just a coffee table book. The photos that are inside are cool as are the pics of old casino chips and swizzle sticks. Unless you are planning to display I

would look for a used copy.

This fabulous book concentrated on the history and glitz of old Las Vegas, and I loved it! Very informative, and very exciting! I'm only 25 years old, so I especially loved comparing the glamour of old Las Vegas with the city that I know today. I gave this book to my dad to read after me, and he loved it for completely different reasons... mostly because he remembers those fabulous days from the 1950s. The photos and stories are unbelievable, including the Rat Pack, Mae West, and my personal favorite: Elvis performing with Liberace! This is a great book for anyone who loves Las Vegas, who wants to know the history of sin city, appreciates good entertainment, or who just likes to travel. The whole book is fun, and I even learned something from reading it! I'm telling everyone, young and old alike, to buy this book.

I'm sorry to be negative--I'm a big fan of some of Mr. Basten's other books--but this was a disappointment. I expected more (or at least some) text. Hardcover, but only 127 pages, and many of the photos are blown up so that their pixels or scanner artifacts show. The book's graphic style is "Annoying Fifties," which is appropriate, but the caption text is rendered in brush script. Another reviewer said that the first half was all about the early history of the first casinos--would that this were true. There are lots of "mood" photos, and Charles Phoenix' collection of matchbooks and swizzle sticks are amply presented, but the text is filled with "mid-fifties" and "late 1940s." Call me obsessive, but I like a bit more precision in my history. The book starts with a mention of "Hellorado Day," a tradition that evolved into a four-day annual celebration. Wonder what time of year it occurred or whether or not it is still occurring? Me, too. So, if you'd like to see several dozen historical photos with reasonably good captions, here's your book. Keely Smith's introduction is entertaining. But as another reviewer mentioned, Alan Hess' Viva Las Vegas is better for a real history with actual, um, facts.

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