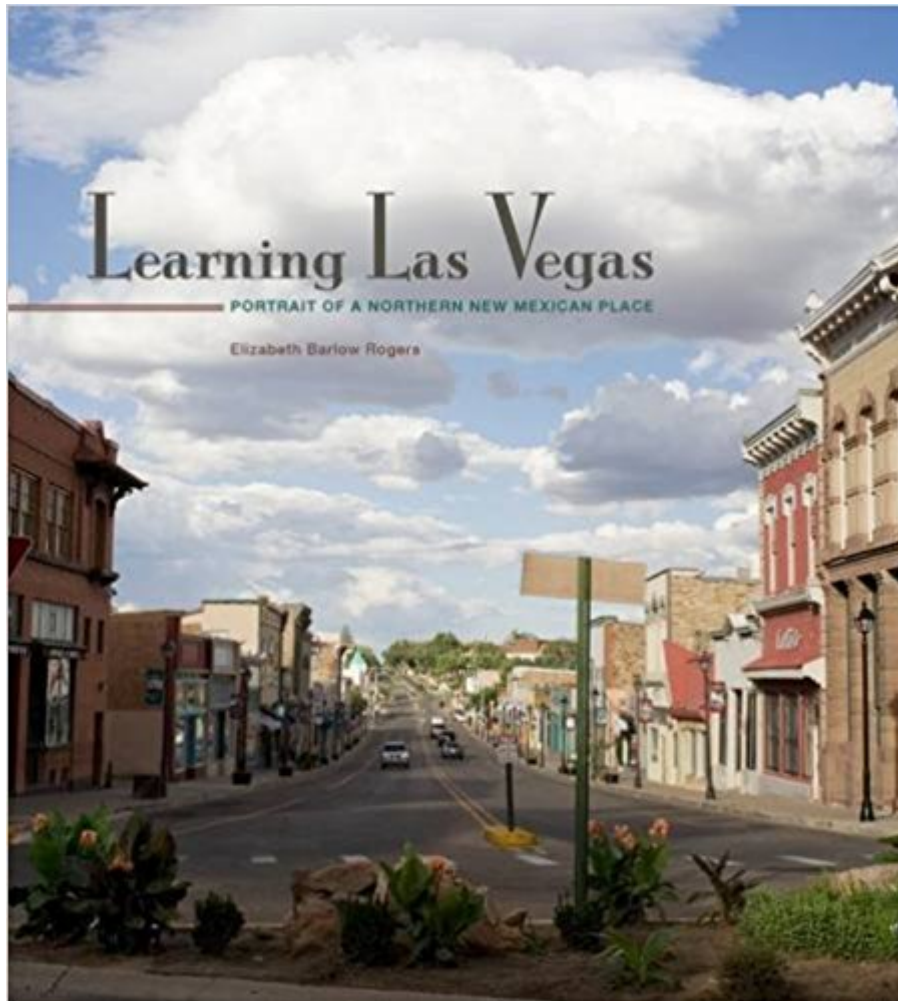




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I live in Las Vegas, NM, so this book holds a special place. My husband and I chose to return here after living away from New Mexico for many years. Betsy's book is an interesting approach to the many sides of this small town. My husband and I know many of the people she talked to. It is always important to see things through someone else's eyes.

A well researched local NM place endowed with interesting history not to be ignored. This is a surprising sociological and architectural treasure.

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