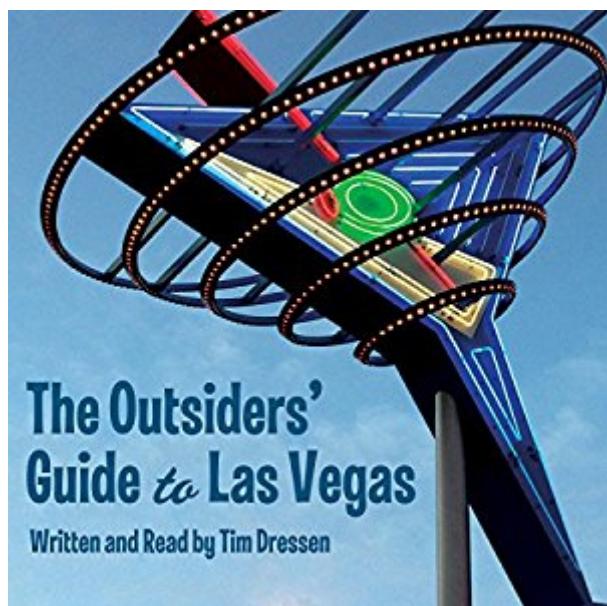


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# The Outsiders' Guide To Las Vegas



## **Synopsis**

Along with "what happens here stays here" and "Circus Circus isn't that bad", one of the biggest Las Vegas myths is that so-called insiders are the city's best sources of tips, reviews, and information. Often, however, obsessive Las Vegas visitors offer more trustworthy suggestions and accurate insights about the Las Vegas Strip and Fremont Street. An unapologetic Las Vegas outsider, author Tim Dressen shares advice, hints, and unfiltered opinions gathered as cohost of Five Hundy by Midnight, the Original Las Vegas Podcast, for more than a decade. With the same irreverent spirit as the podcast, *The Outsiders' Guide to Las Vegas* is packed with useful information, entertaining perspectives, and more than a few off-the-rails rants. This is the Las Vegas guide by an outsider, inspired by outsiders, and for outsiders.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I have mixed feelings about this book. On one hand, I loved his look at things -- it was like a look at Vegas from my irreverent friend's eyes, on the other, I felt like he dismissed certain readers from the get go without really realizing he'd done so. He continues to speak to these readers throughout the book, and it's always a little condescending. In some cases, I felt it was fair -- there is definitely a subset of people who go to Vegas for the wrong reasons, with the wrong expectations, or with the wrong attitude about how they are allowed to behave. They probably deserved some needling. On the other hand -- people who are interested in making sure they get the best sleep possible while on vacation probably didn't need ribbing. Perhaps unintentionally, but with great honesty, his book reveals that resort-clogged Strip is a bit played out at this time. Every casino, in their rush to outdo

each other, is losing the ground by which they differentiate themselves and attract a neat or distinct crowd. Downtown, in turn, has made a point of attracting particular crowds, but unfortunately, can't seem to compete with the amenities of the big casinos yet. Perhaps they won't try, preferring instead to decide for themselves what Downtown Vegas Gambling is going to look like. That said this book really has encouraged me to rethink my stance on several Strip Casinos and check them out with new eyes. While I do think that there are a lot of ways to do Vegas 'right', and you have to figure out what works for you, Tim Dressen's approach (most bang for TIME, not buck) seems like it would be easy to adapt into other traveling styles.

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