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Lost Las Vegas



Synopsis

A nostalgic journey back in time to visit a city that changes at a dizzying pace and is unrecognizable from a generation ago – includes photos of some of the original casinos when they were surrounded by acres of barren desert. Lost Las Vegas traces the cherished places in the city that time and 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 could claim them. Organized chronologically, 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 Rat Pack in residence, but the casino is long gone. Howard Hughes and the mob are featured heavily in Vegas history but neither could sustain their success for very long. Today, the showgirl 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!, and Castaways.

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The old west that no one knew about great memories , great deals , thanks Mr Gary Pain

great book. nice pictures. great coffee table book!

Great photos and Vegas history

Great book, old Vegas history

Great guide book for seeing Vegas off the grid

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Great book! Very informative

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