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Literary Las Vegas brings together the best writings from this neon outpost in the desert. Ranging from the hilarious to the tragic, these pieces provide what Nick Tosches calls a "Baedeker to the bizarre, a Virgil in shades, not only to the holy city but to the off-the-rack soul that we, one nation under Frankie's toup, so strangely and so fatally share." Incisive, entertaining, and highly readable, **Literary Las Vegas** creates a unique anecdotal history about this one-of-a-kind place.

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WITH AN INTRODUCTION BY NICK TOSCHES

As the advertising director for the Utne Reader in Minneapolis, Minnesota, MIKE TRONNIES has attended countless conventions in Las Vegas. He has found that reading about Las Vegas can be even more fun and much less expensive than the real thing.



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