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My only reservation about this book concerns the state itself...

Every cultured human needs to visit Las Vegas for a day -- if only to be fashionably appalled at the waste of electricity. The rest of the state, however, is so daunting in its emptiness that it may not be the best place to spend a limited vacation. Once you realize how desolate a highway can be, you don't have to travel them all to get the point. In my mind, California and New Mexico are far more interesting and are a better bargain for your time and money.

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On other hand, sometimes simplicity and freedom from distraction are just what you're hankering for, and Nevada's sure got 'em. Just remember that most of the state is very cold in the winter, so summer is the time to come.

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