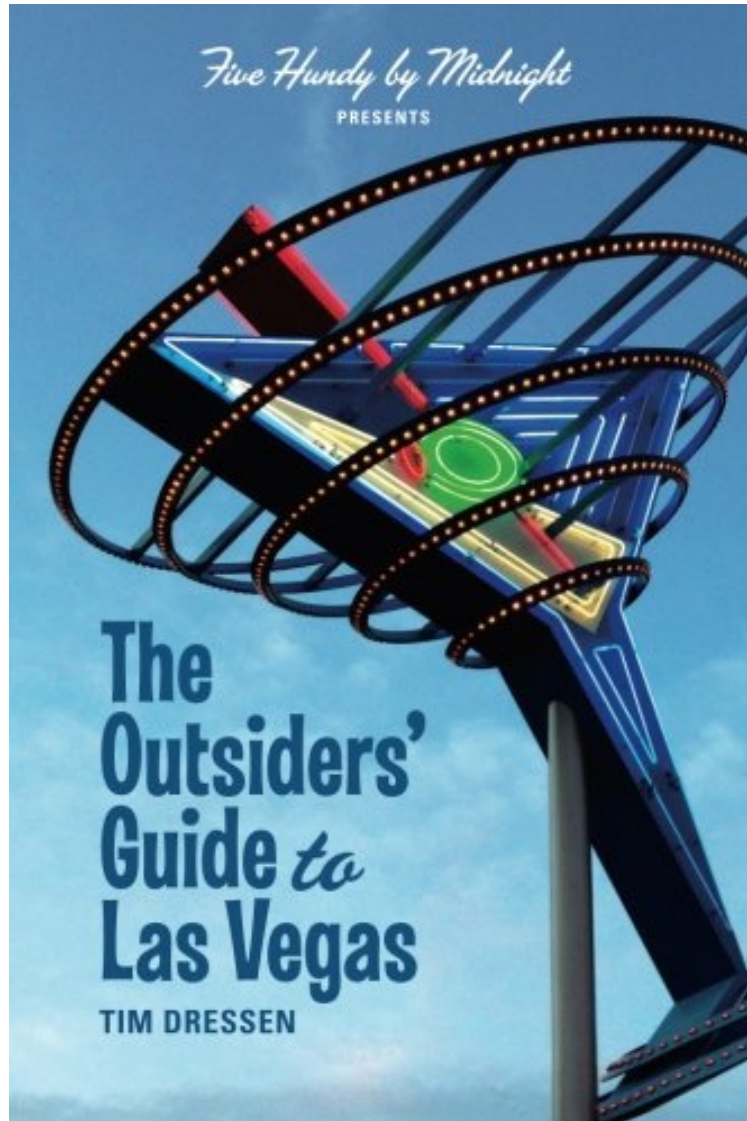


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**Tim Dressen : The Outsiders' Guide to Las Vegas** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Outsiders' Guide to Las Vegas:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Overpriced for what it is, but a good read for travelers.By Rabid ReaderI 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. His version (the "jackpot" section of reviews) of what is great might just be the information you need to know to run away from a casino, event or show. Likewise, his "tilt" section might be full of goodies that make you want to try something. So take his version of good and bad with a grain of salt. If you are going to make gambling the focus of your Vegas trip, you'll need an entirely different guidebook. His gambling section is more about ambiance, free drinks and overall enjoyment of the casino -- all very valid concerns, but not the concerns the consummate gambler would have.

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Only Vegas guidebook you need (with one caveat) By G. Prince My personal review of the book, as a Five Hundy by Midnight listener frequent Vegas visitor, would be 5 stars. In order to maybe help someone reading this review I gave it 4. Here's why: it's brutally frank, sarcastic uses some language you - as a potential reader/purchaser - may be taken aback or offended by, but all with a wry sense of humor and fun in mind. (If this is the case I would also suggest you curb your Vegas expectations and possibly consider another vacation destination) Otherwise, if you're a responsible adult whose sensibilities are not affected one way or another by certain words phrases, it's 5 stars all the way. Download this bad boy and get reading. It's useful, helpful and painstakingly accurate. His perspective may not be yours always and exactly, but the honesty is refreshing hilarious. And your Vegas experience will benefit from it.

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Gives a good basic overview of Las Vegas and elements of a ... By Michael Obrien Gives a good basic overview of Las Vegas and elements of a Las Vegas vacation. Unlike other travel guides which tend to be either very dryly written or borderline propaganda for the destination, Dressen utilizes a more conversational tone and is not afraid to take shots at properties he feels are substandard. He is also pretty funny. However if you have already vacationed in Vegas a handful of times, you may not garner too much new information from this book.

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.

About the Author Tim Dressen is producer and cohost (along with his bride, Michele) of Five Hundy by Midnight, the first podcast devoted to Las Vegas news, reviews, and commentary. Debuting on Jan. 9, 2005, the show has attracted thousands of devoted listeners in all 50 states and more than three dozen countries. Five Hundy has also garnered media attention from publications including *The New York Times*, *The Boston Globe*, and *Las Vegas -Journal*. The readers of Vegas Tripping voted Five Hundy by Midnight the Best Las Vegas Podcast eight times every year it has been eligible and voted Dressen the Las Vegas Person of the Year in 2015. He is also the editor of *FremontStreetBars.com*, a guide to the Downtown Las Vegas bar scene. A professional writer and editor by trade, Dressen earned a bachelor's degree in print journalism from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. He has visited Las Vegas more than 60 times since 1997 but has no desire to live there. He remains an unapologetic Las Vegas outsider.