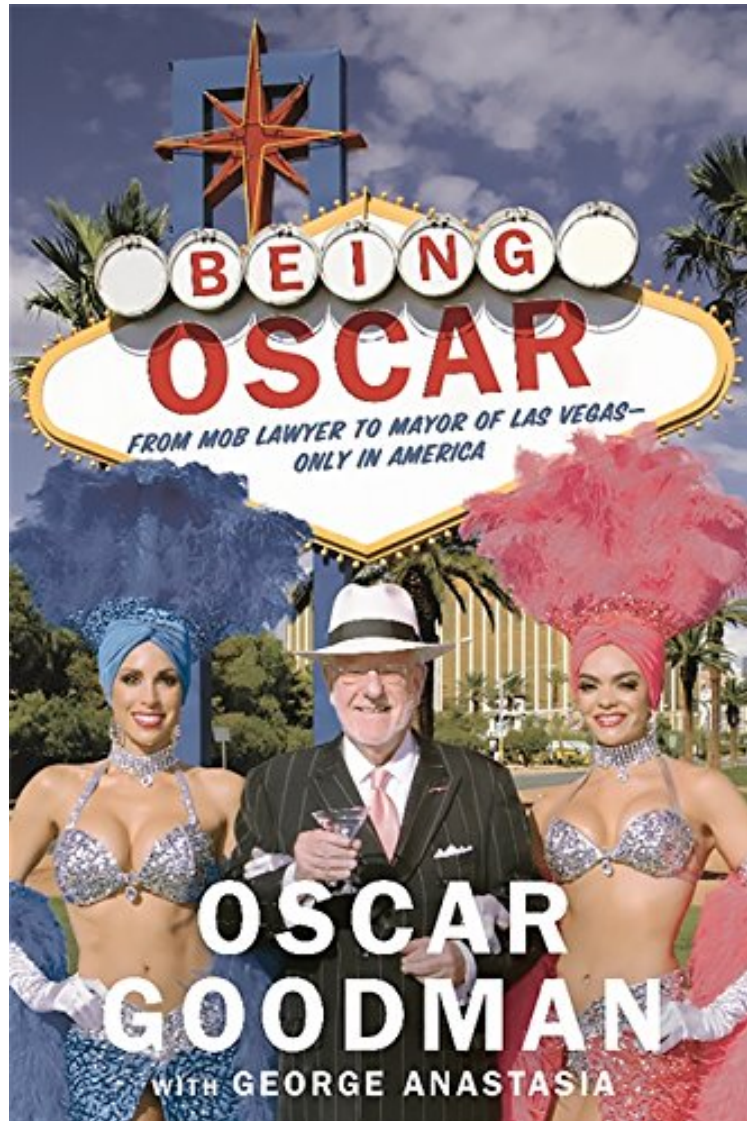


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Viva Las VegasBy DirtyIn the beginning Oscar's life is the definition of you have to be prepared in order to get lucky. Reading about him made me feel like I was there in sunny Las Vegas drinking cocktails with him.He also taught me a valuable lesson. The law isn't some stagnant black and white document because it has to be enforced and upheld by people. People are never black and white but various

shades of grey. When people like federal prosecutors played fast and loose with the law against one of his clients Oscar went to war. When people like judges were subject to shaming or goading he took advantage of that. While I don't agree with everything he's said or done he's quite a character and worth the read. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. King of Las Vegas By W. D. Barnum I am writing this review while sitting in my hotel room at the Rio Casino in Las Vegas during the 2013 World Series of Poker. I bought this book upon publication, but held it to read during the down times between poker tournaments. Somehow, I thought that appropriate. Oscar Goodman, for those of you that do not recognize the name, came to Las Vegas in 1964 as a recently graduated lawyer. After taking the bar exam in Nevada that year, and scoring the top score, he eventually opened his own legal practice. He tells his story in his own way, how he became known as a "mob Lawyer" and came to represent many of those labeled "mobsters" by the authorities and the press. He stresses that under our Constitution and Bill of Rights that all men are to be presumed innocent until proven guilty, and that all men deserve the best defense possible, no matter what they are called by the authorities, or press. He does stress this over and over and over again in the book. He takes aim at those in the law enforcement and judicial systems that think winning is more important than seeking truth, or for that matter playing by the rules of evidence. He is unabashed and names the names of those he feels tried to bend the system. He explains his job as an attorney was not to determine the guilt or innocence of his clients, but to provide them with the defense our judicial system demands. Mayor Goodman, though George Anastasia, tells stories of his interactions with many of his clients, who he saw in not only professional situations, but as people with families and in their day to day lives. After reaching a certain age, he decided he had made enough money and wanted to do good things for the city that had helped him. Thus, he ran for and won, the position of mayor of Las Vegas at the turn of the new millennium. He has brought about significant improvements to downtown Las Vegas with his urban development program. He details some of the hurdles he had to overcome. Significant progress has been made and his wife Carolyn, the new Mayor, has continued to fight for his dreams. This is his bigger than life story, told from his unique viewpoint. I enjoyed it. Not great literature, but what autobiography is? It is fun to read with interesting stories and punctuated with Mayor Goodman's thoughts on a variety of subjects. If you have an interest in Las Vegas, or want a perspective of the judicial system from the "other side", then this is a book for you. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Inside look at the history of Vegas! By Happy Gambler I have read many books about the history of gambling, poker, the mob, and Vegas. This is another great book that provides an insiders view to many of the characters and stories that I have read about over the years. I really appreciate the candid perspective Oscar provides about his time in Vegas. Though many of the characters Oscar interacts with have been presented in a negative light by most other publications, I feel compelled to hear his side of the story. I don't agree with everything he stands for (like legalizing prostitution and all drugs), but I do think he raises a good point and is willing to have open discussions. Though I don't think Oscar single handedly built the modern Las Vegas as we see it today, I can't help but recognize the correlation of Oscar's vision and the make up of one of the most famous cities in the world. This book is an excellent read and I can't wait to read the next chapter in Oscar's life.

In *Being Oscar*, one of America's most celebrated criminal defense attorneys recounts the stories and cases of his epic life. The Mafia's go-to defender, he has tried an estimated 300 criminal cases, and won most of them. His roster of clients reads like a history of organized crime: Meyer Lansky, Nicky Scarfo, and Lefty Rosenthal, as well as Mike Tyson and boxing promoter Don King, along with a midget, a dentist, and a federal judge.

Praise for *Being Oscar* "Former Las Vegas mayor Goodman delivers a fast-paced, entertaining account of his over-the-top life." -- Publishers Weekly "Being Oscar' is a fun read and sensational from first page to last." -- Las Vegas - Journal