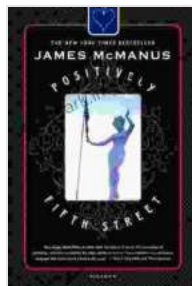


# Murderers, Cheetahs, and the Binion World of Poker: An Unforgettable Read

Prepare yourself for a wild ride through the annals of poker history, where the lines between gambling, crime, and entertainment blur in the captivating pages of "Murderers, Cheetahs, and the Binion World of Poker." This meticulously researched and thrillingly written book transports you to the heart of the Binion Horseshoe Casino, a legendary Las Vegas establishment that played host to some of the most notorious and unforgettable characters in the poker world.



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At the helm of this extraordinary institution was Benny Binion, a charismatic and enigmatic figure who left an enduring legacy on the game of poker. From his humble beginnings as a Texas Ranger to his rise as a casino magnate with a penchant for exotic animals, Binion's life was a rollercoaster of adventure and intrigue.

The Binion Horseshoe quickly became a magnet for poker players from all walks of life, including seasoned professionals, aspiring amateurs, and even the occasional celebrity. Among the regulars who graced its tables were legends like Doyle "Texas Dolly" Brunson, Amarillo Slim Preston, and Puggy Pearson, each with their own unique style and unforgettable stories to tell.

However, the world of high-stakes poker was not without its perils. As the stakes rose, so did the potential for violence and treachery. The book delves into the dark underbelly of the game, where mobsters and hustlers lurked in the shadows, seeking to exploit the vulnerable and manipulate the odds.

The most infamous incident in the casino's history occurred in 1980, when four men were brutally murdered in a botched robbery attempt. The subsequent investigation uncovered a tangled web of organized crime and personal vendettas, leaving a lasting scar on the reputation of the Binion Horseshoe.

But despite the occasional tragedy, the allure of the casino remained strong. It was a place where dreams were made and shattered, where fortunes were won and lost, and where the true characters of the poker world were revealed.

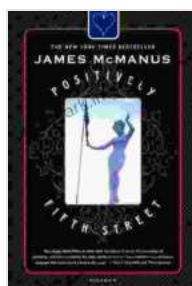
In "Murderers, Cheetahs, and the Binion World of Poker," author John Verton draws on extensive interviews with key figures and meticulous research to paint a vivid and unforgettable portrait of this iconic casino and the unforgettable cast of characters who inhabited it.

Through a series of captivating chapters, the book explores the rise and fall of the Binion Horseshoe, from its humble beginnings to its status as a legendary Las Vegas landmark. It delves into the lives of its enigmatic owner, Benny Binion, and the colorful characters who made the casino their home.

Verton also sheds light on the scandals and controversies that plagued the casino, including the infamous murder case and the allegations of mob involvement. He reveals the behind-the-scenes stories and untold secrets that have shaped the legacy of the Binion Horseshoe and its place in poker history.

"Murderers, Cheetahs, and the Binion World of Poker" is more than just a book about gambling. It is a tale of ambition, greed, violence, and the unyielding human spirit. It is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of poker, Las Vegas, or true crime.

With its captivating prose, meticulous research, and unforgettable characters, "Murderers, Cheetahs, and the Binion World of Poker" is a literary masterpiece that will transport you to the heart of the most legendary casino in history. Prepare to be enthralled, entertained, and forever changed by this unforgettable read.



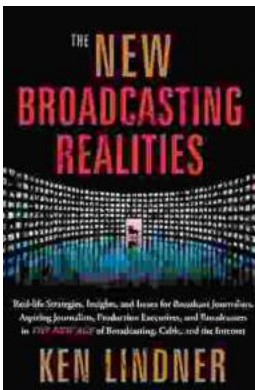
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