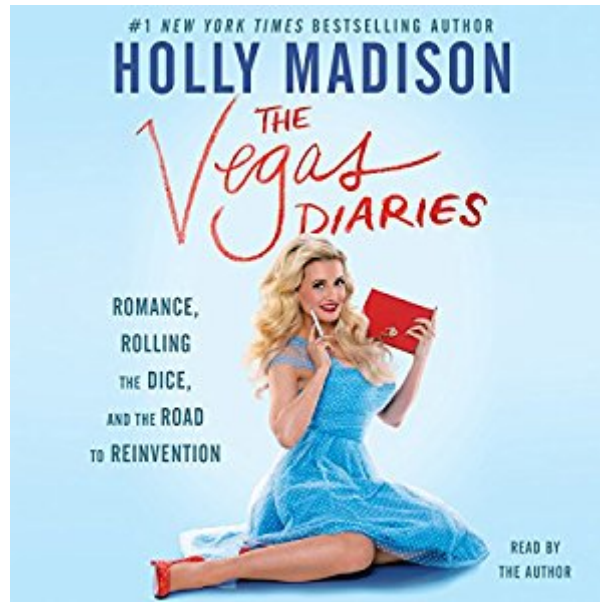


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The Vegas Diaries: Romance, Rolling The Dice, And The Road To Reinvention



Synopsis

The number-one New York Times best-selling author returns with this candid, humorous, and captivating memoir chronicling her journey toward reinvention and self-acceptance. When you've come out the other side of the bizarre, twisted world of the Playboy mansion, where do you land? If you're Holly Madison...there's no place like Las Vegas! After making the sudden decision to reclaim her life, Holly broke free from the sheltered, deceptive confines of the mansion (which meant exiting a hit television show) and was determined to start her life over...from scratch. Without the security of a job or a relationship, she set out to reinvent herself on no one's terms but her own. Deciding to roll the dice and begin again in the glamorous and dreamlike city of Las Vegas, Holly quickly realized that while she may have left her past in the rearview mirror, the labels and stereotypes that came from it weren't so quick to leave her. With a fierce commitment to take charge of her own narrative, Holly dives headfirst into a journey of self-discovery. After a whirlwind stint on *Dancing with the Stars*, she snags the coveted lead role in the Strip's hottest new burlesque spectacular and lands a reality series spotlighting her new life as a single woman. If her own television show and dream job as a showgirl aren't enough to keep her busy, Holly explores the decadent, exclusive inner world of Sin City, navigating its social and dating scene with humor and heart. When it comes to romance, she is met with an eclectic cast of characters, from fame hounds to long-distance loves to the occasional celebrity and more than one tabloid mishap. In this reflective, heartwarming memoir, Holly learns that each dating disaster holds an important - and, in some cases, difficult to face - lesson about herself. *The Vegas Diaries* is a comedy of errors set against the glitz and glamour of the dazzling Vegas Strip. Through the wild and crazy experiences on one young woman's quest to have it all, Holly faces her fears, anxieties, and insecurities to discover that her journey to self-sufficiency is also her path to healing. Letting go of trying to prove herself to others, Holly finally gains the courage to confront her past - and in the process finds the life and love she deserves.

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Customer Reviews

I loved Holly's first book "Down The Rabbit Hole." Sure, Holly came off as kind of a brat not giving Hef any credit for anything what so ever, but the book itself held my interest. In fact I genuinely enjoyed the behind the scenes "Girl's Next Door" stuff from her perspective. I knew her second book "The Vegas Diaries" wouldn't be as good as the first one before I read it. After all, Holly's life hasn't intrigued me since she left Hugh Hefner. She had a few more blurbs on her resume, but nothing all that interesting. But, I suppose because I loved "Girl's Next Door," I decided I would give the book a chance. To be honest, I couldn't finish it. It rambled on and on and I couldn't find Holly's voice that was so clear in her first book. There was also all this random historical information about Vegas crammed in for no real reason, and then there were stories lost in stories that I couldn't always follow. What pissed me off most though (aside from the writing itself) is that Holly constantly reminds the reader how she "stood on her own two feet" damn it. That SHE made millions of dollars, and achieved all these things despite Playboy and Hugh Hefner. It's actually amazing how she insists she's done everything by herself, but at the same time won't break away from the sex kitten persona. It's not like she's put out some kind of clothing line or tried to build a healthy food empire or something and can't shed the Playboy image. Just like Kendra Wilkinson, she's still riding the coat tails of "Girls Next Door." Nobody would have any clue who Holly Madison was if it weren't for that show, and never once does she admit Hugh Hefner and fame might have helped her along the road to riches.

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