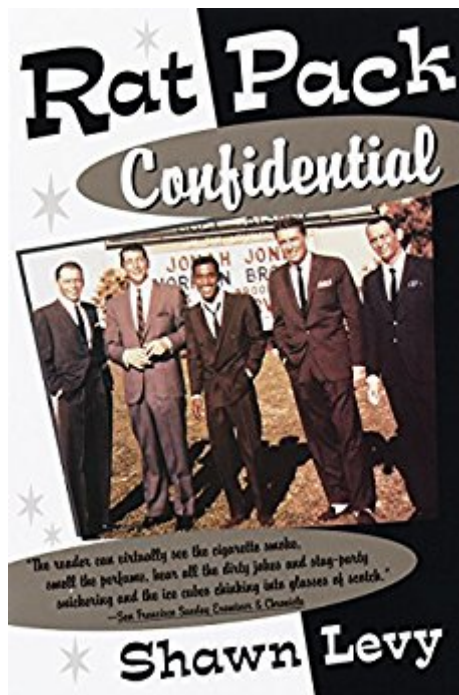




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Rat Pack Confidential: Frank, Dean, Sammy, Peter, Joey And The Last Great Show Biz Party



Synopsis

For the first time, the full story of what happened when Frank brought his best pals to party in a land called Vegas January 1960. Las Vegas is at its smooth, cool peak. The Strip is a jet-age theme park, and the greatest singer in the history of American popular music summons a group of friends there to make a movie. One is an insouciant singer of Italian songs, ex-partner to the most popular film comedian of the day. One is a short, black, Jewish, one-eyed, singing, dancing wonder. One is an upper-crust British pretty boy turned degenerate B-movie star actor, brother-in-law to an ascendant politician. And one is a stiff-shouldered comic with the quintessential Borscht Belt emcee's knack for needling one-liners. The architectonically sleek marquee of the Sands Hotel announces their presence simply by listing their names: FRANK SINATRA. DEAN MARTIN. SAMMY DAVIS, JR. PETER LAWFORD. JOEY BISHOP. Around them an entire cast gathers: actors, comics, singers, songwriters, gangsters, politicians, and women, as well as thousands of starstruck everyday folks who fork over pocketfuls of money for the privilege of basking in their presence. They call themselves The Clan. But to an awed world, they are known as The Rat Pack. They had it all. Fame. Gorgeous women. A fabulous playground of a city and all the money in the world. The backing of fearsome crime lords and the blessing of the President of the United States. But the dark side—“over the thin line between pleasure and debauchery, between swinging self-confidence and brutal arrogance”—took its toll. In four years, their great ride was over, and showbiz was never the same. Acclaimed Jerry Lewis biographer Shawn Levy has written a dazzling portrait of a time when neon brightness cast sordid shadows. It was Frank's World, and we just lived in it.

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Customer Reviews

Relatively light reading written in a friendly style which gave the reader the 'rat pack' on the whole, as well as individuals. I must say I truly enjoyed the book as well as the author's presentation of it. Would certainly recommend.

I enjoyed this book. I remember bits and pieces of this time in history. This book helped fill in the blanks. I remember how Los Vegas was way back when. Glorious! But to get the background on what happened was wonderful.

Very interesting book. Different perspective of the various celebrities personalities. Good insight into that era and the decadence in which the Rat Pack lived. Brought back memories of the times.

I bought the Rat Pack Confidential book as a kindle book and I loved reading about the escapades of the Rat Pack. This book also has dialog that I've never read before. It does go into the mob quite a bit and the rivalries. Frank had a lot to deal with. The book is well written and an easy read. It is jam-packed with information.

It's a fun read about the rat pack way back when. You have to have a fascination with these celebrities, Frank. I've read two books about him. This one rounds out his life and times.

A good look at not only the Rat Pack and its flawed characters, but a researched look at the building of Vegas and its eventual transformation from the era when Frank reigned supreme there.

Good read if you are interested in the people involved. Frankie turns out to be a total jerk, and it's somewhat surprising that the Kennedy's allowed themselves be so exposed.

It was a very interesting read, however, I felt dirty after reading it. They were a group of filthy men and all who hung around them were no better.

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