



New Las Vegas Writes Anthology Now Available
Virtual Book Launch and Author Conversation on October 22

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October 14, 2020—LAS VEGAS, NV—Nevada Humanities is pleased to announce the publication of [A Valley of Light and Shadow: Las Vegas Writers on Good and Evil](#), the 11th anthology in the [Las Vegas Writes](#) series produced by Nevada Humanities and curated and edited by Jarret Keene. Las Vegas-area authors featured in *A Valley of Light and Shadow* include: Keith Brantley, Brittany Bronson, Tim Chizmar, Laura Decker, Krista Diamond, Fawn Douglas, Eric Duran-Valle, Samantha Goodman, Don Hall, Dana Jerman, Glenn Puitt, Elizabeth Quiñones-Zaldaña, and Beth Rosenberg. This year’s anthology is a compilation of essays, short stories, and poems that showcase local writers who explored this year’s stark theme: In Sin City, what does it mean to be sinful? And how much do we concede in order to see ourselves as “good?”

On Thursday, October 22, 2020, at 7 pm PST, Nevada Humanities will host a virtual book launch and conversation with the authors. [Register](#) for this free, virtual event. [Las Vegas Writes](#) is a program of Nevada Humanities in collaboration with the *Las Vegas Book Festival*, Las Vegas Clark County Library District, and published by Huntington Press. This *Las Vegas Writes* event will be available on the *Las Vegas Book Festival’s* [YouTube channel](#) for viewing after this event.

“The *Las Vegas Writes* project is an important crucible for literary reflection and invention in, and about, Las Vegas,” says Christina Barr, executive director of Nevada Humanities. “Now in its 11th year, *Las Vegas Writes* authors have chronicled Las Vegas life from the ground up in innovative and edgy ways.”

Every year *Las Vegas Writes* commissions a series of writers to develop an original work surrounding a theme connected to Las Vegas. For the past 11 years, topics have focused on Las Vegas’ history, future, and literature, highlighting the broad scope of the literary talents of those who live and work in Nevada. Visit nevadahumanities.org/lasvegaswrites to learn about the history of *Las Vegas Writes* and to review past volumes.

Las Vegas Writes is supported by public and private funding for the literary arts through Nevada Humanities, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Nevada Center for the Book, Nevada State Library Archives and Public Records, Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District, and Huntington Press. *Las Vegas Writes* also receives support with readings hosted at venues that support the literary arts from

the city of Las Vegas Office of Cultural Affairs, The Writer's Block Bookstore, and the *Las Vegas Book Festival*.

The 2020 **Las Vegas Book Festival** will be virtual due to the coronavirus pandemic. The **Virtual Book Week** will take place October 19-24 on the book festival's [YouTube channel](#) and [Facebook page](#). The complete festival schedule may be found at: lasvegasbookfestival.com.

The Las Vegas Book Festival is the largest literary event in Nevada and is produced by the city of Las Vegas and Nevada Humanities. The annual celebration of the written, spoken, and illustrated word is free and open to all ages. The 2020 festival is sponsored by The Las Vegas Review Journal/Las Vegas Sun, 98.5 KLUC, NBC Channel 3, the Mayor's Fund for Las Vegas Life, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Nevada Center for the Book, Nevada State Library Archives and Public Records, and Institute of Museum and Library Services. It is supported in part by an award from the National Endowment for the Arts.

About the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District

The Las Vegas-Clark County Library District (LVCCLD) is an independent taxing entity that serves a diverse community across 8,000 square miles. Through its 25 branches and website, the Library District offers a collection of 3.2 million items consisting of books, eResources, movies, and music. The Library District is a vibrant and vital member of the community offering limitless learning; business and career advancement; government and social service support; and a place where people find a sense of culture and community. For more information, visit LVCCLD.org.

About Nevada Humanities: Nevada Humanities is one of 56 independent, nonprofit state and territorial humanities councils affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities. With offices in Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada Humanities creates public programs and supports public projects statewide that define the Nevada experience and facilitate the exploration of issues that matter to the people of Nevada and their communities. For more information about Nevada Humanities visit nevadahumanities.org.

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