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# BLUEGRASS DAYS, NEON NIGHTS

HIGH ROLLING WITH HAPPY CHANDLER'S WAYWARD SON, DAN CHANDLER

*Bluegrass Days, Neon Nights* takes you through the rollicking life and times of legendary Las Vegas casino host and bon vivant, Dan Chandler. The wayward son of former Kentucky Governor and Major League Baseball Commissioner Albert “Happy” Chandler, Dan likes to say he started at the top and has spent his life working his way to the middle.

Along the way, you'll meet an endless parade of famous politicians, entertainers, and Hall of Fame athletes and learn an insider's perspective on Las Vegas history and Kentucky politics.

Dan's bluegrass days began as a boy growing up in the Kentucky Governor's Mansion, the youngest son of one of the

most popular politicians in America. Dan not only encountered President John F. Kennedy, but also learned a hard lesson in politics and life.

Dan arrived in Las Vegas as the gambling capital's mob days were fading, but Caesars Palace had no shortage of characters — and he became intimate friends with super high rollers and stars ranging from Waylon Jennings and Willie Nelson to Jimmy Buffett, Frank Sinatra, and the Lennon Sisters.

*Bluegrass Days, Neon Nights* is an unforgettable true tale told in the voice of one of the last of the great Vegas characters.

- National newspaper campaign, broadcast media interviews.



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