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**WHY DID A STRIPPER KILL A MULTI-MILLIONAIRE?  
AWARD WINNING JOURNALIST TELLS US.**

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA - MULTI-millionaire Ted Binion, son and heir to the estate of cowboy gangster and gambler Benny Binion, who helped mold Las Vegas, was found dead in his million-dollar home on September 17, 1998. Binion's girlfriend, a one-time exotic dancer, and her lover were both convicted of killing Binion by forcing him to swallow a mixture of black tar heroin and the sedative Xanax.

*Death in the Desert: The Ted Binion Homicide Case* (available from 1stBooks Library) takes you inside this incredible case surrounded by drugs, gambling, mobsters, and a \$14 million silver stash. It explores whether it was murder, as the prosecution contended, or an accidental overdose, as the defense claimed. The book includes never-before-seen historical photos of the Binion family.

Cathy Scott is an author and award-winning journalist who has received more than a dozen awards from California and Nevada. She is the author of the best-seller *The Killing of Tupac Shakur, The Murder of Biggie Smalls and Seraphim Rose: The True Story and Private Letters*. Scott is a member of the Society of Professional Journalist's national Speaker's Bureau. She also serves as the Nevada chairwoman of the Society of Professional Journalist's Sunshine Committee, which works to open government records to the public. She is a freelance reporter whose work has appeared in *George* magazine, *The New York Times*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *Los Angeles Times*, *The San Diego Union-Tribune*, *Reuters* news service and APBNews.com. She has appeared on *Unsolved Mysteries*, *CourtTV*, *BET*, *CNN*, *MTV*, and *CBS 2's Morning Show*. She lives in Las Vegas, Nevada. Visit her on the Web at [www.cathyscott.com](http://www.cathyscott.com).

"We are pleased to offer Cathy Scott's book through the 1stBooks Library," says President Tim Jacobs. "It has some fresh, insightful things to say and we believe it's well worth the reader's attention."

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