

Guide to the John Lester Luckman Gambler's Book Club Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Luckman, John (John Lester), 1924-1987
Title:	John Lester Luckman Gambler's Book Club Collection
ID:	MS-00150
Date [inclusive]:	1977-1978
Physical Description:	0.49 Cubic Feet (1 box)
Physical Description:	0.42 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	John Lester Luckman (1924-1987) was the founder of Gambler's Book Club, a Las Vegas, Nevada-based publishing house for books about gambling. The collection contains photocopied manuscripts for three books published by the Gambler's Book Club, written and edited by Ken Uston and Roger Rapoport, John Montgomery, and John K. Hutchens. Copies of all three books are available in UNLV Special Collections stacks.

Preferred Citation

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Scope and Contents Note

John Lester Luckman (1924-1987) was the founder of Gambler's Book Club, a Las Vegas, Nevada-based publishing house for books about gambling. Together with his wife Edna, he helped many previously unpublished authors get published. He also wrote six books about gambling under the pen name Walter I. Nolan.

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Arrangement

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Collection was donated in 1978 by John Luckman; accession number T58.

Processing Note

Collection was processed in 2017 by Joyce Moore. In 2017, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Chris Bruce revised the collection description to bring it into compliance with current professional standards.

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Names and Subjects

- Gambling -- Nevada
- Gaming -- Las Vegas (Nev.)
- Authors
- Poker
- Gambling systems
- Blackjack (Game)
- Luckman, Edna

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
The Big Player by Roger Rapoport & Ken Uston, 1977 (photocopied draft, annotated)	box 01
How to Play and Win at Poker by John Montgomery, 1977 (photocopied draft, no annotation)	box 01
The Gambler's Bedside Book, edited by John K. Hutchens, 1978 (photocopied draft, slightly annotated)	box 01