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How To Beat Small Poker Games



Synopsis

This book is for smart, serious poker players who: Play better than their opponents. Don't understand why their results are so disappointing. Are open-minded and willing to work on their game. Does this sound like you? Then buy this book. You'll learn how to beat these apparently soft, but extremely frustrating, games. Other books give advice that doesn't fit small games (such as \$4-\$8 limit hold'em and \$1/\$2 no limit). Compared to larger games: The costs are more than twice the percentage of the action, and other books ignore these costs. The players are much weaker, and most books don't say how to beat bad players. Many opponents play for fun, not to win, and most books ignore all motives except winning.

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Customer Reviews

"How to Beat Small Poker Games" is a terrific poker book! Alan

Schoonmaker, Ph.D. confronts the big questions: Can the recreational player overcome the overhead, rake, and promotion costs of a modern low-limit game in a card room? If that is possible, can a typical player lighten the weight of the obstacles which he carries with him through the door? Following Alan's advice requires work and discipline. He explains why those are necessary. (Thank goodness, virtually no poker mathematics in this book.) Alan is aware that certain folks are happy where they are. Or are they? He clearly states that achieving better results might not bring certain players more fun at the tables. As for me? I feel better when I do better. I am happy to apply his principles. Anything worth doing, is worth improving. Alan Schoonmaker has extended his knowledge, rather like a handshake, to all the plumbers, waitresses, doctors, secretaries, young adults and seniors who sit, side by side, around the tables in card rooms spread across the land. We love the game. We want to book a few more wins at the cages -- just want to deal with the increasing high costs. This book, to my knowledge, sets forth the cold, hard facts of present day realities, which I have never seen discussed in a book. Most of us play cards to compete with others in an exciting game. Still, we want this to occur for a profit or reasonable price. At the same time, humans are "social beings." I once asked Wasshim, our floorman, "What happens to the people who lose? Will the game dry up?" Wass smiled, "Oh, they're still here. Some take a pause to get another buy-in." (This book will help keep the game going, despite higher costs. And all of us want to take fewer "pauses.") No, Dr. Schoonmaker is not my father! (I have never met or spoken with him.) He is known by his Good Works. You can wrestle the low limits to victory, if you follow his instructions. Read this book. Bruce

In not only reading but understanding it has helped my game. I read the book twice and sections over again and applied what I learned and watched my game improve. I recommend the book to everyone who wants to improve their game.

Read this and understand bankroll requirements, cost of game and rake. Gives you the truth about low limit 3/6 or 4/8. Also read his other article called why you can't beat low stakes poker by Alan schoonmaker. Good luck.

The author does a great job of expressing/explaining the real loss with small limit holdem. The RAKE cost, pot odds, and hand odds, etc...should be accounted for prior to any decision(s) to call, bet, raise, fold. You already climbing out of a hole.

This is a great reminder of mind set in small cash games. Many concepts relate to tournament play also. Has me thinking differently going into WSOP!

Great book, gives insight into the game and mind of players. One of Alan Schoemaker's best books!!

A few good tips. A little different than typical strategy books. All the info could be consolidated into about two chapters. Lots of useless fill

sound advice from a master but nothing special .

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