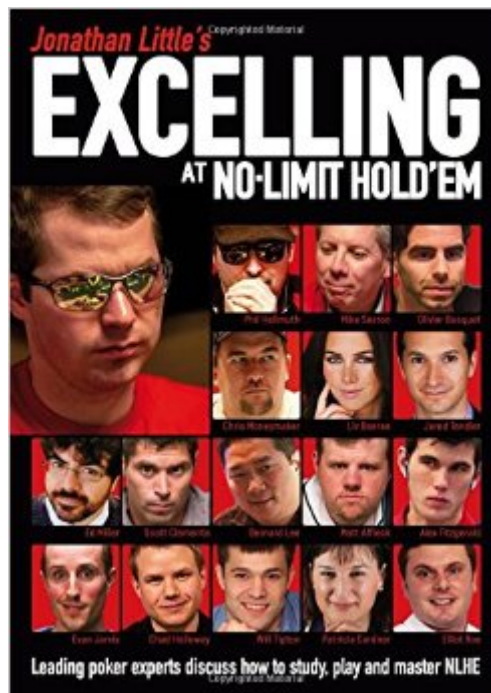


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Jonathan Little's Excelling At No-Limit Hold'em: Leading Poker Experts Discuss How To Study, Play And Master NLHE



Synopsis

Excelling at No-Limit Hold'em is a sensation in poker publishing. Renowned poker professional and author Jonathan Little brings together 17 of the greatest no-limit experts in the world to discuss all aspects of the game. These experts include superstars such as Phil Hellmuth, Chris Moneymaker, Mike Sexton and Jared Tendler. In Part 1 strategies are analysed for topics such as understanding the fundamentals, satellite play, lower-buy in events, analysing tells and moving up in stakes. Part 2 sees a thorough technical breakdown of the game including sections on range analysis, game theory optimal play, short stack strategies, value betting and final table play. As any serious poker player will confirm, the technical side is only half the battle and so Part 3 deals with mental toughness, psychology and understanding tilt. Excelling at No-Limit Hold'em provides all the tools that an aspiring player needs to understand no-limit hold'em. It is a must buy for anyone who is serious about wanting to improve their poker.

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Customer Reviews

I was a bit skeptical of this book at first as I didn't think it would have anything new to offer that isn't already in other books, and being a compilation of several authors I thought the book would not have a consistent level of quality. I was pleasantly surprised and feel that this book is a great addition to players who wish to improve their game. My favorite chapter so far is the one by Alex Fitzgerald on hand ranges. It starts with one of the best explanations of the ICM model and why you should care about it in tournaments. Then Alex goes on to explain how to do the maths to determine if a particular bet is profitable given the situation and player range for the particular hand. I'll be reading this chapter several times / and follow the practice exercises he suggests with getting used

to popular software packages like flozilla. If you read only this chapter and applied its lessons you will become a better player guaranteed. The chapter with Phil and Liv is interesting in that it shows how two different styles (old school feel / experience vs. new school math / range analysis) can both be successful. The chapter by Evan Jarvis is a good summary of some of his lessons and ideas from his youtube videos and website. Nice concise chapter. My least favorite chapter is the one by Chris Moneymaker. The chapter didn't seem to add anything new in terms of ideas or technique that any player with more than a year's experience at tournaments doesn't already know. All in all a very good book with material that captures some of the latest poker experts ideas into one convenient place.

As someone who reads pretty well every poker book available, I can honestly say this is a must read. The cast list is first rate and the breadth of topics covered comprehensive. For sure, you may want to follow up some themes with more detailed study but as a point of departure for the full range of NLHE formats and skill sets (technical and mental) this is excellent.

This book is a fine collection of topics from top players across the poker circuit. It is not a beginners book, and you must be a competent player to understand parts of the book. Several chapters were outstanding, a few not so much. Moneymaker and Miller's chapters are straightforward and I highlighted several sections to reread, as well as other sections in the poker strategy first part of the book. The 2nd part, the technical game was probably the best sections as Fitzgerald, Hellmuth, Boeree, Little, and Busquet hit a home run explain numerous hands and aspects of the game at the upper levels of tournaments. Tipton, goes into optimal strategies and is very confusing overall. The mental game section as the last part of the book is a great overall talk on mental prep., getting rid tilt, and hypnotherapy. I only had a tilt issue early on, and this confirmed my approach to all tournaments as Little always says, If your ahead most of the time getting your money in good, you will eventually come out ahead in the war, maybe not in the immediate battle. I highly recommend this book, especially if you plan on moving up to bigger events, a great perspective from some of the pro's playing poker.

Started to get semi-serious about live MTT tournament in the past year. I have never had any real success besides some very minor cashes in very weak fields. My overall confidence was very low. I knew i had the potential to go deep in legitimate events just needed to prepare myself for future success. This was the book that helped me get there. I am NOT kidding, i read this book the week

before I went to Tahoe for business. Just so happened to be the same weekend as the WSOPC events. And as cliché as this sounds, I not only cashed in a WSOPC but made the final table in the first tournament I played after going thru this book! The very next day I chopped the nightly tournament for back to back tournament scores!!! BACK TO BACK. I am a big fan of Jonathan Little, so my review may be biased, but the beauty of this book is that it compiles the poker expertise of others (who happened to be the best in the business) writing about topics they are passionate about. BUY THIS BOOK and I will see you at the final table!

I no sooner get my book in the mail and a "lil bird" tells me I have an autographed, By Mr. Little himself, copy waiting for me in Vegas. Wow, this is so cool!! Our morning study sessions won't be the same, after a quick browse, it really looks like this Excelling at No-Limit Hold'em book will make a great reference manual for us. (review to follow wink emoticon)Thank you very much for signing Jonathan Little and the biggest of thanks to Jeff and Linda for thinking of me. Every day the stars get a little closer in line.....

Since there is no singular approach to playing the game of NLH; let alone the hope of acquiring some sense of perfection through any singular approach to the game; it makes sense to compile an eclectic mix of perspectives of those who have enjoyed some success at various levels in regards to the subject under consideration. NLH is a fascinating game and well worth the effort to remain in a state of continual refinement to one's approach; since most of us, if not all, have leaks in our game that require plugging if we are to ascend to the upper levels with any hope of viable competence. Once again, it just makes sense to seek and assimilate knowledge from a variety of sources; then apply that knowledge with great vigor; in the hopes that it may become a working member of your ever expanding (ever refined) approach to the game of NLH. Jonathan Little's book accomplishes this eclectic approach, and, though very few reach the lofty heights of the true-professional, the contents of this book are a worth while study for those who earnestly desire to ascend to the loftier realms.

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