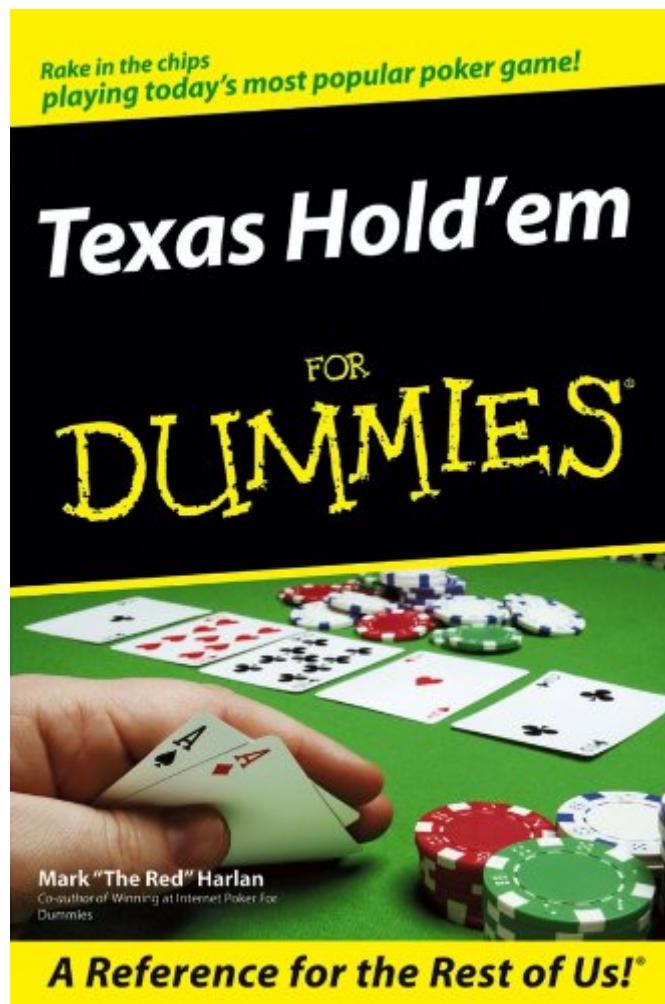


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# Texas Hold'em For Dummies



## Synopsis

Turn on the TV, drop by a newsstand, or just browse the checkout your local supermarket and you'll see firsthand that Texas Hold 'Em is the poker game everyone's playing. It's a game that's deceptively simple, yet within its easy framework you'll find truth and trickery, boredom and fear, skill and misfortune. In other words, all the things that make life fun and worth living! Texas Hold'em For Dummies introduces you to the fundamental concepts and strategies of this wildly popular game. It covers the rules for playing and betting, odds, etiquette, Hold'em lingo, and offers sound advice to avoid mistakes. This handy reference guide gives new and even seasoned players winning strategies and tactics not just for playing the game, but for winning. You'll learn: Rules and strategies for limit, no-limit, tournament, and online play How to "play" the other players The importance of your bankroll—recommended sizes and more Hands you should and should not play How to camouflage your play and dodge traps When, who, and how to bluff How to maximize your win with check-raising and trapping The different approaches for playing in private games, casinos, card rooms, tournaments, and on the Internet How to use mathematics to your advantage Texas Hold 'Em is a game of both skill and chance. But it's a game that can be beaten, and whether you want to make money, sharpen your game, or just have a good time, Texas Hold 'Em for Dummies will give you the winning edge.

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## Customer Reviews

This is a great book. It's well-written, well-organized, informative and entertaining. I highly recommend it for both beginning and intermediate players and it contains advanced theory and tips which will help even most advanced players. I recommend this book to beginning and intermediate players above all other Texas Hold'EM books with which I'm familiar for those who are serious about learning and improving their game. It's not the definitive bible for the game and doesn't attempt to be. In fact, toward the end of the book he makes reference to other books which the author suggests reading as you progress in your study of the game. What this book does, and does very well, is to explain the game in a form that novice players can understand it and, by following his advice, can become above average players, whether they play online or in casinos and home games. There are sections of the book on game theory and math that are probably beyond most beginning players but will become valuable as they progress. He suggests that you skip the chapters initially and return to them later, which is probably the best strategy. I don't agree with those reviewers who've criticized the Kindle edition for not displaying the illustrations correctly. It's very easy to select illustrations using the 5-way controller or tapping the illustration in the Paperwhite, then magnify them to full screen. If you do so, they display perfectly. Alternatively, you can view them in Kindle for PC.

I read this book before going to Vegas to play hold em. If I had paid more attention to this book I would have been better off. Two lessons - 1) be patient. fold worthless cards (the book explains this), 2) unless you're a pro, don't sit at a table with a pro, you'll get "bullied" off the table. You can ask the person who seats you if there are pros at the tables. So, a great book. Follow the basic advice for when to hold or fold and the importance of your position at the table relative to the dealer chip and the two blinds and you'll do much better. But be prepared to sit down with at least \$300 and be patient, you may be there awhile.

I was on vacation in the Dominican Republic. Played poker in high school, which for me was almost three decades ago. Was a good refresher. Downloaded the Kindle version. Read the first five chapters. Implemented the betting strategy and the highlighted key things to do, not the more

sophisticated strategies. Only 11 people entered poker tournament at hotel casino. I won. Had two times the number of chips as second place. Basically I implemented the items that were highlighted as critical. Did not do the fancy stuff, and that was enough against mostly recreational players. Second place guy knew what he was doing. Book is well organized, written by a well known guy that has won lots of tournaments. Was really the perfect book to refresh and update my skills enough to give me a plan that actually won. So I guess my return on investment was good. Won 750 dollars. Not bad for a three hour tournament.

I was very impressed by THFD. Harlan explains the important poker concepts very well--outs, pot odds, counterfeiting,(semi)bluffing,etc. If you're a hold'em beginner like me, you won't go wrong getting Texas Hold'em for Dummies.

always good books

Funny and informative. Although I've played many years, the tips were great.

It is everything I could want. After going through it and reading about the game I haven't decided weather I want to sit down at a table or not. Could get expensive! I'll make that decision the middle of this month.

Excellent book.. hopefully I will be able to re-coup some greenbacks down the road LOL

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