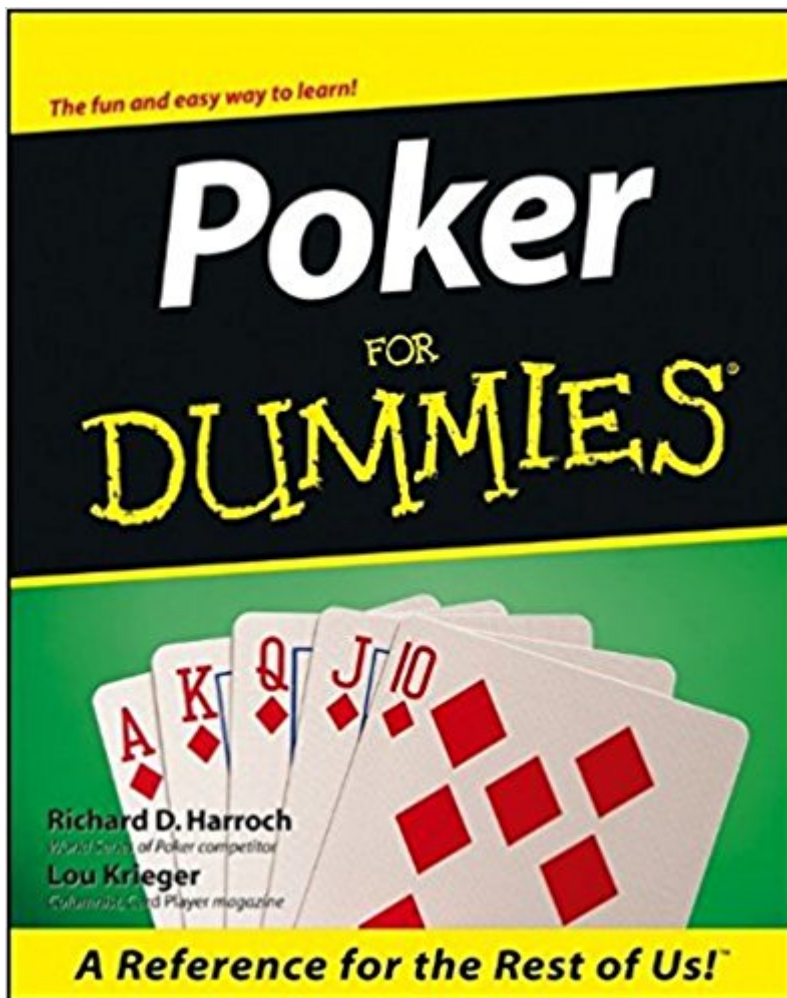




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# Poker For Dummies



## Synopsis

Poker is America's national card game, and its popularity continues to grow. Nationwide, you can find a game in progress everywhere. If you want to play, you can find poker games on replicas of 19th century riverboats or on Native American tribal lands. You can play poker at home with the family or online with opponents from around the world. Like bowling and billiards before it, poker has moved out from under the seedier side of its roots and is flowering in the sunshine. Maybe you've never played poker before and you don't even know what a full house is. *Poker For Dummies* covers the basics. Or perhaps you've played for years, but you just don't know how to win. This handy guide will help you walk away from the poker table with winnings, not lint, in your pockets. If you're a poker expert, you still can benefit from some of the suggestions may surprise you, and you can certainly learn from the anecdotes from professional players like T.J. Cloutier and Stu Unger. Know what it takes to start winning hand after hand by exploring strategy; getting to know antes and betting structure; knowing your opponents, and understanding the odds. *Poker For Dummies* also covers the following topics and more: Poker games such as Seven-Card Stud, Omaha, and Texas Hold'em Setting up a game at home Playing in a casino: Do's and don'ts Improving your play with Internet and video poker Deciphering poker sayings and slang Ten ways to read your opponent's body language Playing in poker tournaments Money management and recordkeeping Knowing when and how to bluff

Poker looks like such a simple game. Anyone, it seems, can play it well, but that's far from the truth. Learning the rules can be quick work, but becoming a winning player takes considerably longer. Still, anyone willing to make the effort can become a good player. You can succeed in poker the way you succeed in life: by facing it squarely, getting up earlier than the next person, and working harder and smarter than the competition.

Foreword by Chris Moneymaker, 2003 World Series of Poker Champion.

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"[full of sound thinking about how to approach the game].informed by someone who's been there and done it." (PC Format, April 2005) "....a readable introduction to all poker formats..." (Micro Mart, April 2006)

Two poker experts reveal the secrets of winning play in a book that's all aces!

I wouldn't get Poker for Dummies again, as there are so many better poker books out there. The book is over 16 years old, so many of the poker website recommendations are out of date. Another issue--The hand recommendations in the Texas Hold'em section are far too loose, among other things.If you're looking for a more useful poker book, just click on my reviews--I've got about 5-6 poker books I would recommend over this one. The Texas Hold'em Dummies book is much better.Side note: the coauthor Lou Kriger has an excellent poker site [Pokerology.com](http://Pokerology.com), where he goes into very specific detail on how to play winning poker.

This is a must for your teenagers that want to swim with the big fish and play poker. Personally I don't have the patience to explain every nuance of the game to them so we had them study from this book before playing with us. No money changes hands but we have fun with chips and this is a great way for new players to learn. Better for them to learn from Mom and Dad than some shark somewhere!

Just like any "For Dummies" publication, it has to be "X" number of pages long, so "Poker For Dummies" follows suit (ha ha) by saying the same things over and over for several pages, i.e., there's a lot of filler here.And much of this material can be found online now.Still, if you are looking for an easy-to-read bound introduction to Poker games, then "Poker For Dummies" (like any "For Dummies" book) is a decent place to start. As an aside, it's kind of funny how the chapter that talks about computers is so dated, given the hardware described, but software-wise, it still appears true that Wilson poker software is the best out there (too bad Wilson software hasn't updated their graphics since this book was published).My advice would be to get this used - for the price of this

book new, you can get at least two good used books on the subject through Marketplace.

Bought this as a gag gift for a poker buddy, but flipped through it first. Sound information for a novice, but sometimes it goes a bit too far. The advice on how to spot "tells" isn't going to help anyone, for example.

Did not cover enough games and what it covered it covered in too much depth for a starters guide. Also, I ordered the book new and it came used, all underline and note all over the page. Big disappointment!

"Poker for Dummies" is a reference primer that merits reading for the rube, but it's marred by embarrassing mistakes (their sample deal of Omaha/8 shows three cards of the same rank and suit), and some half-baked stratagems: would you play against someone who carried a game notepad, as they recommend? Still, "Dummies" deconstructs money management myths, gives good advice re. when and why to keep or dump, and explains why calling is often worth the investment. Their take on bluffing was enlightening too, but watch it when playing your Wednesday night chums, a.k.a. people who don't know when they're beat. It's a decent entryway with some good nuggets, but I'll refine them elsewhere.

Hakuna Matata = There are no problems (Simba in The Lion King).Excellent - Merchandise arrived as described, excellent condition, prompt and well packaged, great quality, value and dependable service - I'm a happy camper: Thanks, and may the Force be with you!

It contains everything I need to know about learning how play poker...

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