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Mastering Small Stakes No-Limit Hold'em: Strategies To Consistently Beat Small Stakes Tournaments And Cash Games



Synopsis

* You usually play larger stakes but (especially live) often have to make do with smaller stakes games

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Customer Reviews

Jonathan Little is a professional poker player who has cashed for over \$6,400,000 playing tournament poker over the last 10 years. He also plays high stake cash games on a regular basis. He is the author of 11 best-selling poker books and he owns and operates the poker training site, PokerCoaching.com. He also runs JonathanLittlePoker.com.

I've been a consistent reader of all of Jonathan Little's books. What separates him from most other authors is that he teaches readers the "why", not just the "how", in very clear and humble language. His earlier works have focused on general principles-raising ranges, player profiles, post-flop strategy, etc. In all of those and in this work, he excels at encouraging the reader to think through why a certain line might be better than another, and not to take the same lines against every opponent. This book adds to that with some of the best range analysis discussions I've come across in a long time. It takes from game theory and distills it to a level that an advanced beginner or intermediate player would understand, and then recommends adjustments for different player profiles and stack sizes. I would not recommend it for a completely new player, but for someone who's played a few months online or live and can understand what range analysis is actually describing, this book is indispensable. I've found it greatly improving my play, adjusting my value and bluffing frequencies and ranges and thereby increasing my overall profitability. For those poker

players who become fixated on perfect pre-flop play, this and previous works by Little force them to connect pre-flop play to post-flop (it certainly has me) and understand why adjustments pre-flop against raising ranges and player profiles allow flexibility in one's ability to play post-flop, which is where many beginners and general amateurs struggle. I recommend taking this book a couple chapters at a time, applying lessons at the table and then re-reading the chapter until the principles are understood.

Jonathan, like the book but there are quite a few typos in the tables. For example diagrams 7 and 8 are the exact same chart. Diagram 7 is for >40 bb and table 7 is supposed to be for 12-40 BB. This happens a few more times at least throughout the first 100 pages of the book ie with charts dealing w playing w and w/o antes. In would suggest posting the correct tables on your website. Otherwise really nice book for beginner/intermediates. Thanks!

This is a great book. I have read the "Secrets of no limit holdem" books and been waiting for a rewrite (because poker keeps changing), or a book like like this - as a poker review for me - but as a great book for people who haven't read many other books yet. One thing I liked is that Jonathan took time in several places to discuss how to play against the "maniacs". We do run into people like this, and the general advice in the past has been to wait until you have the nuts and then take them down. In this book Jonathan explains for many, many different situations how to play against both tight and loose opponents and also often includes how to play against the maniacs. This book shows lots of ranges for your own play, and lots of ranges for what to expect your opponents to have. Everyone advises that thinking about ranges of hands, rather than just specific hands, is very important, but few books take the time to actually explain and visualize these ranges. By the use of charts for ranges we are better able to visualize them. This book covers many, many situations and I find the repetition of the same good advice for various situations to be helpful. The book is long, and you probably won't read it at one sitting, but it is worth the effort. And the organization makes it easy to return to sections you want to review.

I nearly gave this book four stars, but I feel that would be reviewing on a different scale than for other products as I've often given five stars to simple items because they do their job. This book is very well done and inspired me to change the way I study poker. It does have some typos and a missing or switched diagram at least once. Little could have framed the information quite easily in a way that would have put exactly one diagram on every other page for easy learning progression (if I

flip to a random page for review it takes a while to figure out where the diagram is that matches the text as the diagram is often a page turn away while the diagram on the page is for text on the previous page). But the content is very good, straight forward, and simply explained (as much as poker chart strategies can be in a book this size).

While I haven't been able to read the whole book yet, it's clear from the start that this is a remarkable achievement. Another reviewer called the book "a little dense". I call it "amazingly thorough". For instance, let's say you want to know what to do from the BTN vs an open-raise. Not only does Jonathan provide a strategy for various stack depths and positions, he also shows how to adapt vs nits, calling stations and maniacs. I'm not sure what more one could ask for in this spot. I'll update this review once I've absorbed the information in full. But so far color me impressed.

Book is great for poker players that are interested in making MORE money at small stakes, even if you are a winning player you should check it out!! Little shows you how he thinks about ranges and why certain hand types are included or excluded. He talks about facing certain types of villains and how to adjust to make tons of money off their mistakes!

Great stuff as usual from Jonathan Little. Being a great player does not always translate to being a great teacher but Jonathan Little is both. I highly recommend this incredibly in depth book to those in the small stakes wanting to advance to the next level.

I like the way professor Little breaks down his postflop strategy, (very similar to doug Polk approaches postflop at upswing poker).

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