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Strategies For Beating Small Stakes Poker Tournaments





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Synopsis

Are you tired of losing at small stakes poker? Improve your skills and learn how to win big. Are you stuck playing in lousy tournaments versus lousy opponents? Do you still lose even at the smallest stakes? It's time to master small stakes poker with a world-class poker champion as your guide. Jonathan Little has cashed for more than \$6.4 million in live poker tournaments. This two-time World Poker Tour champion knows that to make millions on poker's biggest stage, you have to start small. Through his revolutionary approach, you can finally master the skills it takes to win small stakes tournaments. By learning how to crush your small stakes opponents, you'll be prepared to handle bigger challenges - and bigger cash outs - that come with larger buy-in tournaments. In Strategies for Beating Small Stakes Poker Tournaments, you'll discover: Skills that will instantly improve your poker game How to stop blaming bad luck and learn the real secret to mastering poker The pitfalls to avoid that will allow you to crush your mistake-prone peers The reasons pros make the plays they make and how you can adopt their methods How to win more money from poker, and much, much more! When you learn to think for yourself and adjust your strategy based on specific opponents, you'll start to turn your game around. As the author of 11 best-selling poker books, Little can show you exactly how to learn these skills and win much more money in the long term. If you like concise, actionable information you can start using right away, then you'll love Little's game-changing poker guide. Buy the book to start cashing out today!

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Customer Reviews

This is a worthwhile read for someone who has been playing the game a while. A real newbie may have trouble because you'll need to know poker jargon. But the title is wrong here, which is unfortunate for the reader and the author. It should surely have been something more like "Exploiting your opponents' tendencies" or "Strategies for Beating Small Stakes Poker" (i.e., leaving out the word "Tournaments") because tournaments are hardly even mentioned here. So folks looking for cash game advice might miss skip this title when it is actually VERY useful for cash games. And those looking for tournament advice will be disappointed to find nothing here that is specific to tournament play. That said, the book is really worth reading because he covers the topic of exploiting player styles in a remarkably small volume of words and does so in a conversational style that many readers will find appealing. The organization of the material is by player types as opposed to so many books that organize by the street on which action is being considered. Some readers may balk that they can't just open the book and find the pages that talk about pre-flop play or river play, but that is really the essence of the message. You shouldn't play any street in a particular way all the time. Who you face on that street is far too important. But if you were looking for tournament advice on such topics as varying your opening hand selection based on the stack-to-blinds ratio of both you and your opponents in the hand, or varying tactics late in the tournament based on ICM concerns, or short-handed and final table play, you just won't find any of that here. For that, you may as well start with (Dan) "Harrington On Modern Tournament Poker." It's more than ten times longer than this book so be prepared to invest some time. But for boning up on strategy in a hurry, it's hard to beat this little gem. You could read it "cover to cover" in just a few hours the day before you go back to the casino after an extended absence and it would serve you well - in cash games and tournaments.

I have accumulated quite a few books on poker by Jonathan Little because I found out a long time ago that he manages to present deep concepts in an easily understood manner, with no wasted words getting in the way. I have also found that he has steadily refined and distilled his presentations with every new publication. Before buying "Strategies for Beating Small Stakes Poker Tournaments," I noticed that it was about 45 pages, but since I had faith in Jonathan's trend toward more and more compact expression of winning concepts, I decided that hitting the "one-click" button would be a good bet. At worst, I thought, it would give me an overview of strategies developed at greater length in some of his other books. After perusing the entire book, I found that the bet had paid off. There is a lot of wisdom packed into these 45 pages, and there is also a link to a free 11-minute instructional video on FloatTheTurn.com. The flow of his thoughts parallels the way he plays a hand, so there is extra training to be absorbed in the between-the-lines messaging. Perhaps this explains the low-verbiage, high-impact value of his writing. Anyway, as a poker player since 1985, experienced at high stakes and low, I give this book an easy five stars. It may address the play of small-stakes tournaments, but the strategies discussed here will serve you well when you graduate to tougher competition higher up the ladder. Personally, I enjoy the hell out of small stakes tournaments, and I think I'll be enjoying them even more after I absorb everything in this book.

Well, this is one more great book by Jonathan Little. Having bought and read his Professional tournament series (I own all 3 of those books both in physical and digital form) I knew that Jonathan Little is a "little" expert in producing great books with solid content, that can teach you well about the game and elevate your poker play. This one is no exeption. It focuses though on another area than his tournament series: The Player. Your opponent to be exact. It is all about opponents tendencies, habits, mistakes, how to recognize and exploit them. I haven't read it all yet, but the usual quality of his writing is obviously there. My only complaint would be that this is a very short book... But then again, I guess that is why Jonathan elected to release it only in digital form (so far at least) and in such a small price. For \$5 (well, \$6 for me, including taxes) which is the price of a coffee or a small snack, you get some valid and interesting info that can't be missed. So overall this is a great addition to my poker library, small addition but great. And yes, I will definately suggest you add it to your collection.

While the quality of the opinions feels fine generally, this was significantly less systematic or useful to me than similarly priced books by Harrington, Snyder, Sklansky, or others who back up their opinions with concrete examples and logic and show how and when to apply it and why. I love Little as a poker player but was disappointed in the book. If you are a beginner, I'd recommend the above mentioned books. And if you are already making money in poker tournaments, you probably don't need this book unless you haven't read other books.

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