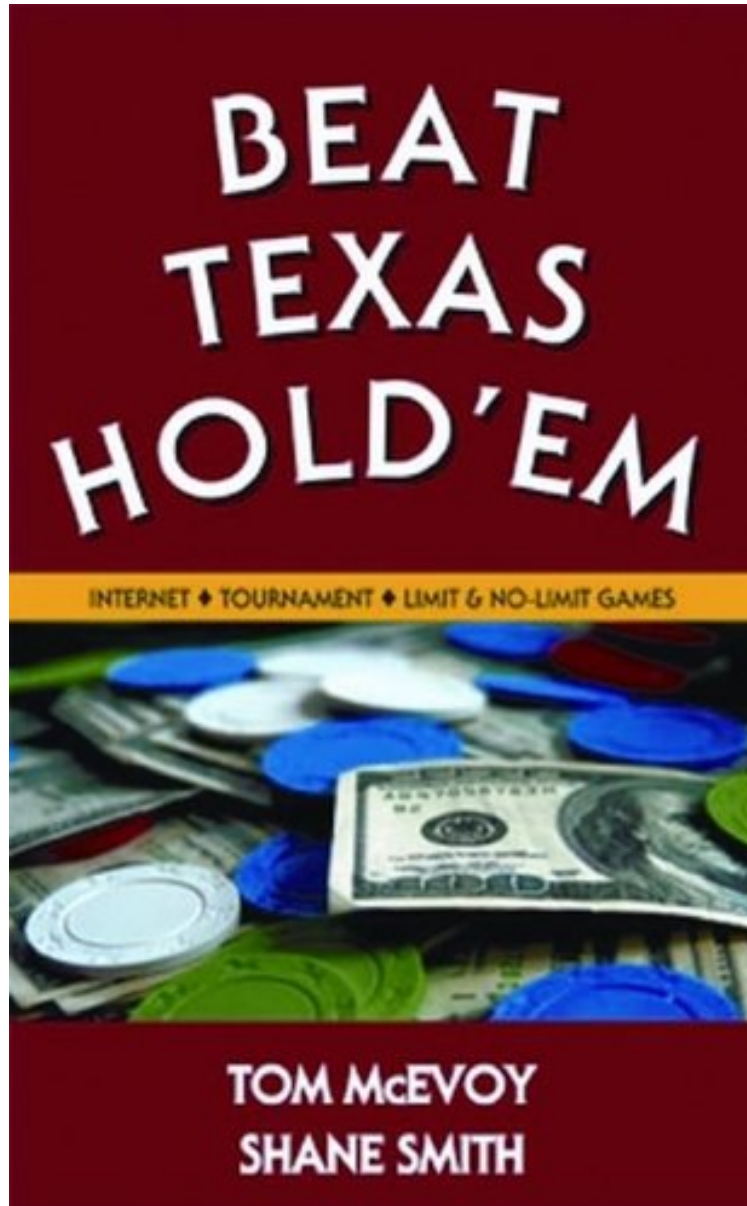


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Tom McEvoy, Shane Smith : Beat Texas Hold'em before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Beat Texas Hold'em:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Rehashed and highly disappointing By hijodeganas First off, Beat Texas Hold Em was written by Tom McEvoy, who has a reputation as a great and talented player, but a horrible

writer/orator. Beat Texas Hold Em is essentially a stocking stuffer for the complete novice who has never even read an online article about Texas Hold Em strategy. Yes, precisely; such people do not exist any more. This book is filled with regurgitated and formulaic concepts and tactics and has nothing new to add. I'm quite surprised Cardoza Publishing, which made the authoritative bible on all forms of poker "Super System", would bother to publish this scant piece of work. It is neither entertaining nor insightful nor particularly useful. In the very least, it does cover all the bases. If you are interested in making an inexpensive purchase for someone who has recently become hooked on the game but who isn't looking to make poker more than a hobby, this may be of some use. Otherwise, don't bother. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Customer Excellent 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great For Beginner Players By andrew sibbs Mr. McEvoy's view on how to approach both internet or real-life games of either limit or no-limit Texas Hold'em would best benefit someone who has just started playing the game. McEvoy informs his reader on the basics: what kind of hands are good/bad, how to bet in many different situations, relative chances of making certain hands, reading bluffs, and how to act depending on your position at the table, whether it be your chip stack or seat location. McEvoy suggests a very tightly played overall strategy of the game. He tells of no style of bluffing--a quintessential part of poker, especially Hold'em. If you sit around and play a tight game, which normally means playing almost no hands, you will eventually be blinded until you are short-stacked or sitting at the rail. Enough with my displeasures--I believe this book, despite its few drawbacks, is an excellent guide to those just beginning in Texas Hold'em. Mr. McEvoy gives a good synopsis on starting hand strengths and weaknesses. He also gives great insight on the impact of position, or order of bet, at the table. He argues that position is everything--I agree. The best part of this book is the section devoted to possible hands one may come across at the table. While one hand may be wise to raise with in late position may simply be a call- or fold-only hand in the early or mid positions. The part of the book that helped me the most was the section devoted to learning your opponents. McEvoy wisely stresses that you must know or very quickly learn the tendencies of your opponent in order to come out on top. He teaches to always fall in with the speed of the game, but at the same time, play your game no matter what. His best advice--to me--is to stick with your game and style and do not stray from it whether you are the chip-leader at the table or the short-stack heads-up against anyone from novice to poker great. This book seems to be most beneficial to novice players, yet there are a few key things that could be learned by a seasoned-veteran who gave this book a shot. Mr. McEvoy's book was both very informative as well as entertaining and even humorous at times.

This book covers the hot games right now seen on TV and played by millions nationwide: limit, no-limit, online and tournament hold'em. In each of the four sections games, the authors cover the basics of play, the top 10 tips for winning, 10 essential practice hands, frequently asked questions, review questions and "Dear Tom" stories from readers about actual situations with 1983 World Champion, Tom McEvoy's answers. Light yet serious, with wisdom and a touch of humor, and spiced with anecdotes designed to teach a lesson.