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Byron Jacobs : Beginners Guide to Limit Hold'em before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Beginners Guide to Limit Hold'em:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A Remarkably Lucid Explanation of Limit Hold'em By Conrad P. Weller Herman Jackson's review, with which I wholeheartedly agree, says it all, or almost all. In my opinion, Byron Jacobs is a fantastic teacher. Like Bob Ciaffone, he is a master chess player, and he shares with the latter the ability to organize and prioritize, presenting an incisive analysis, that is highly relevant to strategy, in a readily accessible manner. Also, like Ciaffone, he provides numerous examples with their analysis. His "Beginner's Guide to Limit

Hold'em," though much more elementary than his masterful "How Good is Your Limit Hold'em?", is worth reading and rereading. The four first chapters of this Guide are decidedly for the rank beginner, though the examples are very interesting to review, and the section on Understanding Hand Strength, in Chapter 3, coupled with a key point on the Texture of the Board (p.56), are worth reading well beyond the elementary level. Starting on Chapter 5, Jacobs covers all the basic concepts that relate to LH strategy. Chapter 5 focuses on Outs and Tainted Outs, and Chapter 6 provides a clear presentation of Pot Odds and Implied Odds. Chapters 7 and 8 give the clearest explanation of LH Pre-Flop principles and Strategy I've ever read, including a masterful conceptual discussion of Starting Hands. On Chapter 9, Jacobs explains his approach to Post-Flop play, stressing his view that Flop and Turn are so closely related that, strategically, they should be considered as one of the 3 sections of the game (the other 2 being Pre-Flop and River). This chapter covers, among other things, Betting, Raising, and the Free Card. Chapter 10 on Post-Flop Strategy is rich in concepts and examples. This is vintage Jacobs, with multiple examples and analyses reminiscent of his more famous "How Good is Your Limit Hold'em?" In this chapter, he covers, among many other things, the Importance of Position, Drawing, Semi-Bluffing, Slowplaying, River Play, etc. Chapter 11, Final Thoughts, is a brief discussion of general considerations and advice for aspiring poker players. It includes a discussion on Tilt which contains a most useful reminder: "If you are a good player and you play better than your opponents, they will appear to be much luckier than you." I have found myself rereading many sections of this book, in particular, chapters 7-10. In my humble opinion, it is the best beginners' book ever written on LH. It is also a great introduction to Jacobs' own conceptualization of the game, and will help you tune in to his other, more advanced works on LH.

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By CustomerGood9 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Beginner's Guide -- and Much More
By Herman Jackson I'd like to think I left the "beginner" stage some time ago, consequently I haven't paid much attention to this book since I purchased it several months ago. However in researching the topic of dominated hands I remembered that Jacob's book had a good discussion of the topic - indeed it was reading this section in a bookstore that convinced me to buy the book though I had no intention of immediate use. Thus it was that I retrieved it from the shelf and sat down to read that section. One thing led to another and now, several hours later, I find that this book has some of the clearest explanations of important topics that I've found anywhere. If you are a new player the first half of the book introduces you to the fundamentals. If you are an experienced player you'll think you already know this stuff, and probably you do. Even then you'll find some of it, especially the chapter titled "How Hands Develop" to be worth a careful read. The second half of the book presents nothing new, nothing you can't find in Sklansky, Miller, et. al. Then why am I writing a positive review - simply because Jacobs writes so clearly and succinctly that this is a great place for a beginner to ... well, to begin. More experienced players may find themselves wondering why nobody else ever said it so well. In short readable sections Jacobs thoroughly explains concepts such as outs, hand odds, pot odds, implied odds, position, domination, aggression, playing various types of hands from various positions, etc. Many beginners clearly have trouble believing the importance of position as an excursion into poker sites on the Internet will attest. In less than two pages Jacobs' description of "The Game of 100" should convince anyone of the importance of position. If you are a beginner I'd recommend this book over just about anything else on my bookshelf (over 100 poker titles). After you've read it you'll be ready for the hardcore - and hard to read due to writing style - books by Sklansky et. al. More importantly, you'll be ready for the limit tables.

Five years ago Internet Poker barely existed. Now, a poker revolution has occurred and at any given moment tens of thousands of players are playing poker for real money from their own homes. There are dozens of sites offering hundreds of different games. Whether you want to play for big stakes, modest stakes or just for fun money, you can log on and find a suitable live game within seconds. There are many variants of Poker but Limit Hold'em is the game. Approximately 50% of on-line players are playing Limit Hold'em. If you want to join them, then this is the book for you. Most people have a rough idea how to play poker, but the Beginners Guide to Limit Hold'em assumes no prior knowledge and builds from the absolute basics. Experienced author and successful on-line poker player Byron Jacobs provides newcomers to the game with a thorough grounding in the rules and the basic principles. Beginners Guide to Limit Hold'em deals with every aspect of playing limit hold'em on-line including the rules, etiquette, basic strategy, bankroll management and site and game selection. Poker is a fun game, but it is more fun when you win. This book will provide you with sufficient knowledge to commence your poker career as a winning player at small stakes games. Learn Limit Hold'em from scratch or brush up on the basics. Extensive hints and tips make key advice easy to remember. Numerous problems allow you to gauge your understanding of key ideas.