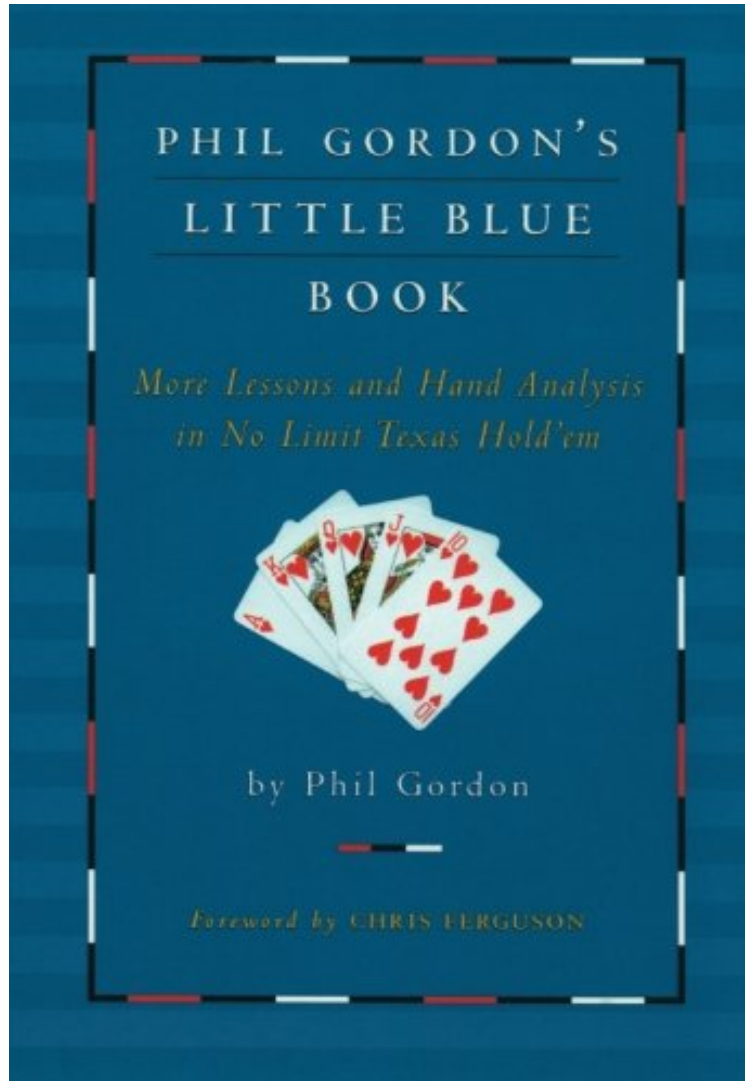


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Phil Gordon : Phil Gordon's Little Blue Book before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Phil Gordon's Little Blue Book:

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Decent, but there are better alternatives. By supernova Having gone through "Super Systems", "Harrington on Hold 'Em", and recently, Annie Duke's "Decide to Play Great Poker", I decided to change up the pace because as great as these books were, they were getting somewhat stale, similarly approaching the game of Hold 'Em through tiered starting hands and what to do in each scenario. I decided to look for books similar to Harrington's third book and came across Phil Gordon's "Little Blue Book" and Gus Hansen's "Every Hand Revealed". Unable to choose which book to purchase, I bought both and now having read through them, I

wanted to make a comparison for people looking for similarly styled books. I read the "Little Blue Book" first, and I can say there's no reason to read Gordon's previous book, "Little Green Book", beforehand. There is little reference to any content in LGB that you can't find in most other books, and the couple times Phil does bring up something specifically from LGB, such as the "rule of 2" it's fairly easy to puzzle out what it is just through context. Overall, this book is easy to get through and most of his hand selections are decent, but I felt like Phil could have gone more in depth with the hands and I rarely found myself going back a page or two, as I so often do when reading these books, to examine the situation more closely and try to find ties with my own game. Gus Hansen's "Every Hand Revealed", as I found out, is an entirely different type of book, even though both feature sample hands. "Every Hand Revealed" is a log of Hansen's game played from the first hand in a field of hundreds of players to his last hand heads up, winning him 1st place in the Aussie Millionaire tournament. Unlike "Little Blue Book", Gus puts you in his chair, shows you his cards, and tells you everything going through his head; even his folded hands are documented and explained, which is just as informative. In my opinion, "Every Hand Revealed" was much more captivating, and though the hands weren't selective like LBP, it was just as educational, as I was able to examine how his play style changed as players came and left his table, when his stack size changed significantly, during the bubble or day's end, and when on tilt or in a "flow". As I was reading the "Little Blue Book" I realized that as much as I wanted to like Phil Gordon, as someone to look up to in the poker world, each page in the book just seemed to further reveal how much of a douchebag he might be. It doesn't make the hand lessons any less valuable, but that thought was always there in the back of my head as I read. As if FullTilt Poker paid him for each endorsement, it sure felt like FTP's URL was mentioned as much as humanly possible (whereas in "Every Hand Revealed", mention of FTP, of which Gus Hansen is also a sponsor, only came up once or twice in the entire book!). Phil arrogantly brings up the hundreds of thousands of people he "taught" to play poker through "Little Green Book" and really enjoys talking about the craaaaazy and stupid stuff he does with his homegame buddies, "The Tiltboys" (to which he felt was necessary to give a shoutout to, wasting a few paragraphs in his "little" book). As if he has too much money, he likes to talk about how reckless he is with it, like playing roshambo for tens of thousands of dollars on and off TV. Perhaps it's just me, but I don't care to read about reckless gambling. In a way, this reminds me of the chapter on proposition bets in Super Systems, which I also didn't care much for. In a refreshing contrast, Gus Hansen is extremely humble and comes off as a very decent person. His personality, infused with light humor, flows through his words and makes him much easier to relate to and the type of player I would look up to. Where I didn't know much about Hansen before, I can say that he's now one of my favorite players in the scene. Overall, if you're just looking for hand samples and a follow-through for each hand, I would recommend Harrington on Hold 'Em Vol. 3. If you've read that, perhaps this book would be a decent addendum, although in comparison, is definitely lacking in terms of thoroughness with examining individual hands. If you're looking for something more, an adventure of sorts, pick up "Every Hand Revealed" by Gus Hansen. I think the Little Blue Book offers a decent value for its price, but there are better alternatives that readers can and should turn to first.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good mentality while playing through hands, however his ego gets in the way
 By Eric Zelisko I am a big fan on Phil Gordon's books that he writes. I think he undervalues how good of a player he is (most of the time). However, I wasn't 100% sold on this book. I saw a mixture of reviews, but I also finished reading the green one, so naturally the blue one was next in line (I also got a cheap deal for them). Well, long story short, I was slightly dissatisfied in his book. I will list the Pros/Cons
 Pros: Walks through the mentality of some key hands he has played before (some of them difficult as expected) He gives good tips on certain situations, thus adding to one's game if they already don't have it in their head He gives a few tells (although not a great deal of them, but still, valid tells) which would help a person in the long run He is very articulate in his writing, expressing his thought process with great detail.
 The book wasn't that difficult to read
 Cons: His ego has a tendency (although, at times he uses it for humor) to get in the way with the point he tries to get across He is extremely math oriented, excluding a few times that he gets a worthwhile tell to bring to the table to assist in his decisions I felt that there could have been a bit more substance that would have dramatically assisted in this book
 Long story short, I was torn between giving this a 4 star rating, as I feel this book is fairly well written, drives home some of the necessary ideas as well as elaborates on points that he (Phil) may view as priority over other points. However, I felt like there could have been a few more points that he should have driven home harder.
 Overall, if you are a very experienced/seasoned player, I would probably not recommend this book. If you are an intermediate player who is looking to improve your thought process while at the table, this book might help enough to get you to make better decisions. I do like this book, although I feel it could have had more substance to it.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book
 By Anthony What I read so far gives great insight to many poker situations. Definitely worth a read for any poker player.

In *Poker: The Real Deal* and *Phil Gordon's Little Green Book*, Phil Gordon -- a world-class player and teacher -- shared the strategies, tips, and expertise he's gleaned during his phenomenally successful career. Now he shows players how to apply those theories to actual hands in order to make smart, confident decisions with every move. Gordon walks readers through hands that he's encountered in cash games; early, middle, and late tournament play; Sit Gos; satellites and supersatellites; and the final table of the World Series of Poker, revealing not only what plays he

made but also why he made them. He relates what goes through a pro's mind in every situation, whether it's a timely bluff or a questionable call, and helps players calculate their own best moves in the most pressure-fueled of situations. In analyzing specific hands, Gordon also imparts important lessons in key poker skills such as calculating odds, shorthanded play, and discovering tells. And he discusses memorable plays -- the good and the oh-so-bad -- explaining why certain moves were made and, in many cases, how the hands should have been played differently. Insightful, witty, and filled with real-life pro secrets, Phil Gordon's Little Blue Book is required reading for every player looking to make a profit and raise his game to the next level.

"This is a must-have addition to all poker players' libraries." -- Antonio Esfandiari, WPT Champion
"With the depth of information Phil provides in this book, you'll have everything you need to successfully compete at the WSOP." -- Greg Raymer, 2005 WSOP Champion
"Wow -- I really wish Phil would stop educating the fish. This is the nuts!" -- Clonie Gowen
"This is the 'Little Green Book' in action, and both books keep me in the money." -- Paul Wolfe
About the Author
Phil Gordon is a world-class poker player and teacher with two World Poker Tour championships and seven final table appearances at the World Series of Poker. Since 2001 he has earned more than \$3 million in tournament prize money. His bestselling previous works, *Poker: The Real Deal*, *Phil Gordon's Little Green Book*, and *Phil Gordon's Little Blue Book*, alongside his teaching and commentary on forty-two episodes of Bravo's *Celebrity Poker Showdown*, make Phil the preeminent poker teacher and writer in the world. Phil currently resides in Newport, Washington with his wife and two young sons.