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Poker's 1%: The One Big Secret That Keeps Elite Players On Top



Synopsis

Elite poker players aren't like the rest of us. Sure, they play in huge games where tens of thousands of dollars can move in the blink of an eye. But that's not the only difference. Elite players play and think about the game in a completely different way from everyone else. If you want to raise your game to their level, it's not just a matter of getting a little better at what you already do. The honest truth is that the way 99% of poker players approach the game is fundamentally flawed. You will never be able to crack the top 1% until you know what they know. There's one big secret to the game that nearly every elite player knows, yet almost no one else understands. It's an open secret-no one is hiding it. Elite players talk about it sometimes in videos and articles. Nevertheless, top players have known this secret for years, yet still almost no one else does. Poker's 1% seeks to change that. It bridges that gap between the elite players and everyone else. It promises that as long as you are willing to put in the work, you too have a shot to reach the top. Poker's 1% teaches a way of thinking about how you play, a way to unify every hand you've ever played and ever will play into one single, overarching strategy. The goal is that you will have one big "aha" moment, the moment where you finally "get" this game. After that, it's just fine tuning. The more you fine tune your strategy, the more you win, and the higher you can go. Poker's 1% gives you a unique window into the secrets of the world's best players. It shows you what you've been doing wrong and how to fix it. And, most importantly, it guides you in a straightforward way along the path from average player to elite.

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Customer Reviews

Ed Miller is an MIT graduate and an acclaimed author of numerous poker strategy books. He's been

playing, coaching, and writing about hold 'em full-time since 2003, and his books have sold over 250,000 copies worldwide.

Your best book ever Ed! (although all your books are very good). I had a vague idea of the concept discussed prior to the read (now I have read this book 3 times), but you did a great job explaining a difficult concept. To warn the readers, in order to get the most out of this book you need to set up an excel spreadsheet (or do by hand on paper) and be willing to go though tough, interesting hands that you have played. Working through the first few hands is a time consuming process. After you have done this a few times your intuition increases greatly and your ability to make better decisions at the table increases. Ed gives you the blue print but you have to do the work.

After reading again and doing the exercises suggested--I'd like to update my review. This book shows you how to view the game as a range of hands, and just two hole cards. It gives you tools to determine the frequency of actions appropriate to pot odds, stack depth etc. You will play in a way that reflects the internal math of the game (like the pros.) This is an inspiring book that has forever changed my game for the better. Highly recommended.

I loved this book. It explained vital concepts in an intuitive manner. This book lays out the conceptual basis for playing in a way that is non-exploitable. It gave enough math to illustrate and explain the concepts, but does not drown you in the math. The pyramid illustration is insightful. I also liked the good event/bad event/no event way of looking at subsequent opponent actions, or certain cards hitting the board. To get to the 1%, Ed drives home the point that it is not just enough to have the conceptual understanding, but must consistently put in the work in studying hands from sessions. That by doing the work and study, when similar situations come up in future hands, it will make the decision making easier. Ed relates that have to do the right kind of study in the right way; a system with a solid conceptual basis.

I suppose whether a poker book is good is whether the concepts are clearly explained, which this book does. I also suppose whether a poker book is useful is whether the reader can apply the concept to win more at the table. I must confess that I had my worst loss after reading the book. Of course this could mean that I have not yet master the concept since I am sure I am still not in the 1% just because I have finished the book, or that the concept is not good???? For now I presume I still have not mastered the concept.

This book is a great grounding in game-theory-optimal play. It will give you the basics of how to construct ranges and what your calling/raising/folding frequencies should be. Is it the end-all of strategies? No, of course not. But it's an excellent grounding in the GTO aspects of the game, and provides a great fall-back for those times when you're lost in a hand and can't figure out what the best play is.

Just got'ta, say I read most all of Ed Millers work. This book has come came at the right time for me, I have been at the tables long enough to know and experience the play he is talking about. I would have put this book aside and said no way not for me in my early years of being an amateur. I am not a pro yet, but would like to be a force at the tables. It's a must read. Good luck.

I am a recreational cash game player, but I play a lot of small poker tournament \$60 to \$300 and this but open my mind to another level of thinking that I have never seen in so many tournament books I have read. Thank you Mr.Ed Miller

The first time I've seen this concept articulated. I've only scratched the surface with some play, and more poor play by opponents does reveal itself. And opponents have unknowingly complemented my play with lines like "are you just going to take my money again". The same frustration I used to feel toward a player who would continue to outmaneuver me. Nice to be on the other side.

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