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# **INTRODUCTION**



## **Introduction**

There is something about poker that is ingrained in all of our hearts and souls. For me, it started with the glorified outlaws of the Wild West. I was hooked on poker at age eight. My friends and I would play poker and use the point value cards found in the bottom of Mallo Cup and Smoothie candy bars as poker chips. If you collected five hundred Smoothie points, you could send them in and receive ten free candy bars in the mail. How great was that! Later on in life, I played poker for quarters and dimes in college.

Today, poker has become a billion dollar industry. Multi-million dollar prize pools and televised events have brought poker to the main stream. The great players such as Doyle Brunson, Chris Ferguson, Phil Ivy, Daniel Negreanu, and others are today's glorified poker outlaws. Who will be the glorified poker outlaws of tomorrow?

I wrote this book to illustrate and analyze the underlying components of Texas Hold'em poker odds so that you will become a better Texas Hold'em poker player. The poker books I have read only devoted about ten pages on poker odds and expected you to memorize tables that seemed meaningless. The illustrations in this book will bring meaning and life to those tables.

You will be able to make quick decisions about complicated problems. You will have more time to focus

on other information, such as: tells, who is a weak player, who is a strong player, who is too aggressive, who will fold their blinds, who will protect their blinds, who will take advantage of the button (position) and who you can make a move against (bluff). You will have the confidence you need to play and compete with the pros.

Since you have invested in the cost of this book, the price of one small blind, please invest in the time that it takes to fully understand the examples in the book. You will become a better Texas Hold'em poker player.

I hope to see you at the tables soon!