

### Amarillo Slim In A World Full Of Fat People The

*This is the Bible of Poker, the book that every serious poker player has read and studied. Walter Browne, chess grandmaster and professional poker player, read and studied this book. Herbert O. Yardley, whose training in, and mastery of, the subtleties of poker made him just the kind of agile thinker whom you would expect to crack the Japanese Diplomatic Code (he did) and to write the classic book on codes, ciphers and spies (The American Black Chamber) Here is what the boys in back will have: This book talks about poker and people the way poker players talk about poker and people. It is lusty, funny, cool and knowing. The anecdotes are probably not for your Aunt Hermine. The poker instruction is for anyone (possibly including your Aunt Hermine) who likes to walk away from an all-night session a winner. Each chapter begins with a superb poker story. Then comes a scientific analysis of the type of poker that was being played. (For example, the story of the corn grower who bets his farm against a circus tent show at Five-Card Draw, Deuces Wild - and wins under the fortunate circumstance of no longer being alive at the time - is followed by a brilliant analysis of how to play your cards at Five Cards Draw, Deuces Wild.) The author's tales of his early training in poker (in his teens when he was the protege of the celebrated Monty, who ran the only clean game in the only clean saloon in his section of the old West) amount to a professional education in the theory and practice of winning. His adventures in the Orient (in between assignments as a secret agent Yardley relaxed his mind - and in a sense repaid his debt to Money - by teaching a young Chinese boy strategic poker) are a post-graduate course in the art of the bluff - how to manage it artistically and successfully - whether the stake is a nest of Nazi spoils or a big pot in Seven-Card Stud, Hi-Lo, plus just about every other poker variation you could name.*

*The fascinating account of 1978 World Champion Bobby Baldwin's early career playing poker in roothouses and against other poker legends is packed with valuable insights on how he approaches the game. Covers the common mistakes average players make at seven poker variations and the dynamic winning concepts they must employ to win. Endorsed by superstars Doyle Brunson and Amarillo Slim. 208 pages*

*"A fabulous read, filled with herosim, history, and hi-jinks, as author William F. Sine recounts his life as an Air Force Pararescue Jumper" (Readers' Favorite). US Air Force Pararescue is the most skillful and capable rescue force in the world, taking on some of the most dangerous rescue missions imaginable. PJs (short for para-jumpers), are members of an elite unit whose commando skills are so wide-reaching they often seem like something out of science fiction. They routinely tackle perilous operations that are beyond the capabilities of other rescue organizations, and sometimes dare the seemingly impossible. Since their inception in 1947, PJs have saved more than thirty thousand lives. They can pluck near-frozen climbers off jagged mountaintops and recover shot-down jet pilots stranded deep in hostile territory. In the dead of night, the PJs parachute into ominous, black, twenty-foot-tall waves to save distressed seamen, and they brave the cruelest and most desolate deserts to recover victims. US Air Force pararescuemen have played a prominent role in every armed conflict since the Korean War, rescuing thousands of soldiers from behind enemy lines. Guardian Angel provides a rare glimpse at a PJ's mind-blowing adventures. You follow Sgt. Sine's trek across exotic lands and share his encounters with mysterious cultures. Learn what it takes to lower from a helicopter onto the slippery decks of storm-tossed ships to rescue dying sailors. Feel what it's like to be caught in the middle of a bomb blast so powerful that it tears high-rise buildings in half, and flattens armored vehicles hundreds of yards away. Soar high above towering jungle trees and experience the danger of swinging on a slim cable below a helicopter, while performing a mid-air rescue of a pilot, dangling from his chute a hundred feet above a mountain slope. Go to war in Afghanistan and parachute onto a nocturnal battlefield, surrounded by land mines, to help a mortally wounded soldier. This is a deadly serious business: When things go wrong, they can go terribly wrong. Aircraft crash into mountainsides, killing all onboard, while some PJs live through horrendous helicopter crashes only to struggle with freezing temperatures, snapped limbs and torn flesh in a desperate fight for survival. This book presents true stories of uncommon courage told from the perspective of the actual men in the arena. PJs belong to an exclusive brotherhood and forge unbreakable bonds of loyalty, commitment, and sacrifice. They do these things for their country, to protect their brothers in arms, and to honor their motto: "That Others May Live."*

*Recounts the colorful life of the gambler-hero who became the inspiration for Guys and Dolls's Sky Masterson, from his pre-PGA golf prowess to trading card tricks with Houdini, conning Al Capone and losing a million dollars to Minnesota Fats.*

*Tournament Edition*

*Pulling the Trigger*

*Poker Nation*

*Casino Craps*

*Recipes and Recollections of Soul-Satisfying Food*

*Million Dollar Strategies from the Legendary World Series of Poker Winner*

*Thomas Austin Preston. Six foot four, skinny as a rake. He played poker with two US presidents - and drug lord Pablo Escobar; made a million dollars by the age of nineteen; and drove a golf ball a mile. Thomas Austin Preston - who was he? The world knows him better as the greatest gambler of all time: Amarillo Slim. Raised in Amarillo, Texas, Amarillo Slim lived the most daring, exciting and profitable life of any man of his time. He ran the biggest black-market operation in Europe, won the World Series of poker in 1972, was celebrated in songs and movies, and his picture hangs in City Hall, Las Vegas. He was a member of four Halls of Fame - and a legend in his lifetime. Because, most of all, Slim was a man who loved to gamble. He'd bet on anything - if the price was right. He rode a camel through the fanciest casino in Marrakesh and beat Evel Knievel at golf (with a hammer), but that was just the small stuff. In his finest hour, he took on the Chinese table tennis champion at his own game. Slim, of course, got to choose the bat. The choice? Coke bottles. The result? 21 - 0. Slim was a very happy man. A sensationally entertaining autobiography, this is the story of his extraordinary life - and the secrets of his even more extraordinary success. From Vegas to Colombia, Texas to London, welcome to the wonderful world of Amarillo Slim.*

*Rough sex, black magic, murder, and the science-and eros-of gambling meet in the ultimate book about Las Vegas. James McManus was sent to Las Vegas by Harper's to cover the World Series of Poker in 2000, especially the mushrooming progress of women in the \$23 million event, and the murder of Ted Binion, the tournament's prodigal host, purportedly done in by a stripper and her boyfriend with a technique so outré it took a Manhattan pathologist to identify it. Whether a jury would convict the attractive young couple was another story altogether. McManus risks his entire Harper's advance in a long-shot attempt to play in the tournament himself. Only with actual table experience, he tells his skeptical wife, can he capture the hair-raising brand of poker that determines the world champion. The heart of the book is his deliciously suspenseful account of the tournament itself-the players, the hand-to-hand combat, and his own unlikely progress in it. Written in the tradition of The Gambler and The Biggest Game in Town, Positively Fifth Street is a high-stakes adventure, a penetrating study of America's card game, and a terrifying but often hilarious account of one man's effort to understand what Edward O. Wilson has called "Pleistocene exigencies"-the eros and logistics of our primary competitive instincts.*

*This classic book is considered by the pros to be the best book ever written on poker! Jam-packed with advanced strategies, theories, tactics and money-making techniques no serious poker player can afford to be without this hard-hitting information. Includes fifty pages of the most precise poker statistics ever published. Features chapters written by poker's biggest superstars, such as Dave Sklansky, Mike Caro, Chip Reese, Bobby Baldwin and Doyle Brunson, and three master theorists! Essential strategies, advanced play, and no-nonsense winning advice on making money at 7-card stud (razz, high-low split, cards speak, and declare), draw poker, lowball, and hold'em (limit and no-limit).This is a must-read. 605 pages*

*Benny Binion was one of the revered figures in the history of gambling. Using once secret government documents this book shows how Binion helped shape modern Las Vegas.*

*Play Poker to Win*

*Blood Aces*

*A High-Stakes, Low-Life Adventure into the Heart of a Gambling Country*

*Freelance Poker Writing*

*Fast Company*

*For Richer, For Poorer*

*Amarillo Slim in a World Full of Fat PeopleThe Memoirs of the Greatest Gambler Who Ever LivedHarper Collins*

*In September 2006, Victoria Coren won the European Poker Championship, and with it a cool one million dollars. Overnight, she became one of the world's most famous players. But how did she do it? In For Richer, For Poorer, Victoria Coren's long-awaited poker memoir, she answers this question. It is an intensely honest story of twenty years of obsession, of highs and lows, wins and losses, friendships, power plays, loneliness and addiction. Coren takes us from the grimy underworld of illegal cash games to the high glamour of Monte Carlo and Las Vegas, vividly capturing the incredible excitement of a poker match and getting to the heart of why poker has become the world's most popular card game. It is a razor-sharp, accessible, entertaining, and intensely gripping story.*

*For fans of Bringing Down the House and Positively Fifth-a Sports Illustrated writer shares the story of a heaviest, bioplar, and charming pool hustler. In most sports the pinnacle is Wheaties-box notoriety. But in the world of pool, notoriety is the last thing a hustler desires. Such is the dilemma that faces one Danny Basovich, an affable, generously proportioned Jewish kid from Jersey, who flounders through high school until he discovers the one thing he excels at--the felt--and hits the road. Running the Table spins the outrageous tale of Kid Delicious and his studly--if less talented--set-up man, Bristol Bob. Never was there a more entertaining or mismatched pair of sidekicks, as together they go underground into the flavorfully seamy world of pool to learn the art of the hustle and experience the highs and lows of life on the road. Their four-year odyssey takes them from Podunk pool halls to slick urban billiard rooms across America, as they manage one night to take down as much as \$30,000, only to lose so much the next night that they lack gas money to get home. With every stop, the action gets hotter, the calls get closer, and Delicious's prowess with a cue stick becomes known more and more widely. Ultimately, Delicious sheds his cover once and for all and becomes professional pool's biggest sensation since Minnesota Fats. "A tremendously satisfying road story. What makes Running the Table so special is not the pool prowess of its protagonist but the unlikely bond between two wildly different young men who find each other through an exhilarating, often infuriating game."-Los Angeles Times*

*In 2001, a stranger from Texas entered the highest-stakes poker room in the high-stakes casino in Las Vegas. A self-made billionaire, he challenged some of poker's greatest players to a series of heads-up matches. By the end, there was more than \$20 million on the table. For the first time ever, here is the detailed, true account of the legendary Big Game that shocked the poker world. Putting you railside to observe the pulse-pounding action, it takes you inside the iron-nerved mind of the professional gambler. Filled with vivid characters, sensational tales, and riveting human drama, this is a unique, suspenseful journey into the world of people who live on the razor's edge of fortune-where incredible wealth or utter ruin turn on the flip of a card.*

*The Biggest Game in Town*

*A History of Poison*

*Phantoms of the Card Table*

*You Can Bet On It*

*The Elements of Murder*

*The Autobiography of Poker Pro Eli Elezra*

*An insider's guide to all the best tips and tricks for a foolproof poker strategy from the professions of Full Tilt Poker. The professionals of Full Tilt Poker include the best and most famous poker players in the world. Their accomplishments are unparalleled, with countless World Series of Poker and World Poker Tour championships to their names and well in excess of \$100 million in winnings in private games. Now, this group of poker legends has banded together to create THE FULL TILT POKER STRATEGY GUIDE, which will stand as an instant classic of the genre and is sure to become the industry standard.*

*DUTCH BOYD is a three-time World Series of Poker bracelet winner who has won and lost millions. Read his amazing true story of the sky highs and cavernous lows living the life of a professional poker player, and his struggle to hang on to his bankroll and his sanity.*

*In 1930, Walter Irving Scott bamboozled a room full of New York's finest card manipulators by dealing himself winning poker hands from a shuffled deck. His skill was extraordinary and he was soon dubbed the Phantom of the Card Table. Sixty years later Gary Osborne, a magician from England, decided to track him down and, to his surprise, found him living in a retirement home in Rhode Island. The two became friends and Scott expressed an interest in publishing his closely kept secrets. This is the true story behind this elusive trickster.*

*Poker & Pop Culture*

*Life's a Gamble*

*Doyle Brunson's Super System*

*Godfather of Poker*

*One of a Kind*

*The Wild Life and Fast Times of the Gunster Who Invented Vegas Poker*

All of us have touched down in Las Vegas one hot day in 1981, a dedicated amateur poker player but a stranger to the town and its crazy ways. For three mesmerizing weeks he witnessed some of the monster high-stakes games that could only have happened in Vegas and talked to the extraordinary characters who dominated them--road gamblers and local professionals who won and lost fortunes on a regular basis. Set over the course of one tournament, The Biggest Game in Town is botha chronicle of the World Series of Poker--the first ever written--and a portrait of the hustlers, madmen, and geniuses who ruled the high-stakes game in America. It is a brilliant insight into poker's appeal as a hobby, an addiction, and a way of life, and into the skewed psychology of master players and fearless gamblers. With a new introduction by the author, Alvarez's classic account is "the greatest dissection of high-stakes Vegas poker and the madness that surrounds it ever written" (TimeOut [UK]).

If you believe the news, today's America is plagued by an epidemic of violent hate crimes. But is that really true? In Hoax, Professor Wilfred Reilly examines over one hundred widely publicized incidents of so-called hate crimes that never actually happened. With a critical eye and attention to detail, Reilly debunks these fabricated incidents--many of them alleged to have happened on college campuses--and explores why so many Americans are driven to fake hate crimes. We're not experiencing an epidemic of hate crimes, Reilly concludes--but we might be experiencing an unprecedented epidemic of hate crime hoaxes.

Andy Bellin is a pretty good poker player. Over the ten years he's been playing semi-pro, millions of dollars have passed through his hands. He's the kind of guy who can walk away from the table \$5000 up. He's also the kind of guy who can drop \$9000 - on a single hand. On his way to a master's in astrophysics, Andy Bellin made the fatal mistake of falling in love with poker. Too many years down the line, he's resurfaced from a life spent in high-rolling casinos and low-rent dives to tell us the tale. Part memoir, part expos-, Poker Nation is a mesmerising journey through the ups and downs of being a gambler, a trip to a world where the only thing weirder than a poker player is the guy sitting next to him'. -At once a witty history of the world's most popular card game, a how-to manual that really will make you a better player, and the story of one man's obsession, Poker Nation will leave you sharper, wiser, and maybe even a little richer.

A fascinating account of the five most toxic elements describes the lethal chemical properties of arsenic, antimony, lead, mercury, and thallium, as well as their use in some of the most famous murder cases in history, with profiles of such deadly poisoners as Mary Ann Cotton, Michael Swango, and Saddam Hussein and a look at modern-day environmental catastrophes.

*Positively Fifth Street*

*Poker For Dummies*

*Amarillo Slim's Play Poker to Win*

*Telling the Story of America's Favorite Card Game*

*How Six Master Gamblers Defy the Odds - and Always Win*

*Shoot to Win!*

**Introduction by Nick Cohn.** In this classic book, Jon Bradshaw follows six full-time gamblers who never lose, including three legendary poker players Johnny Moss, Pug Pearson and Titanic Thompson; tennis player Bobby Riggs; pool player Minnesota Fats and backgammon player Tim Holland. His evocation of ambience and his dramatic description of the games themselves are fascinating, but Bradshaw also deftly probes their minds and hearts as he attempts to define what makes some men winners and most men losers.

**"FREELANCE POKER WRITING: How to Make Money Writing for the Gaming Industry"** is the first book showing freelance writers how to make money writing for the casino/gaming industry. Author Brian Konradt, a professional freelance writer with over a decade of experience, introduces writers to the exciting and thrilling world of poker and gaming. He shows readers step-by-step how to cover poker tournaments, poker events, and poker-related topics, and then sell what they write to magazines, newspapers, websites, companies and other media outlets in the gaming industry. Readers will meet many professional freelance writers and poker players who share their insight, advice and experiences. Are you ready to take the plunge into the exciting world of freelance poker writing?

Diana Kennedy is the world's preeminent authority on authentic Mexican cooking and one of its best-known food writers. Renowned for her uncompromising insistence on using the correct local ingredients and preparation techniques, she has taught generations of cooks how to prepare traditional dishes from the villages of Mexico, and in doing so, has documented and helped preserve the country's amazingly diverse and rich foodways. Kennedy's own meals for guests are often Mexican, but she also indulges herself and close friends with the nostalgic foods in Nothing Fancy. This acclaimed cookbook--now expanded with new and revised recipes, additional commentary, photos, and reminiscences--reveals Kennedy's passion for simpler, soul-satisfying food, from the favorite dishes of her British childhood (including a technique for making clotted cream that actually works) to rare recipes from Ukraine, Norway, France, and other outposts. In her inimitable style, Kennedy discusses her addictions--everything from good butter, cream, and lard to cold-smoked salmon, Seville orange marmalade, black truffle shavings, escamoles (ant eggs), and proper croissants--as well as her bétes noires--koshier salt, nonfat dairy products, cassia "cinnamon," botoxed turkeys, and nonstick pans and baking sprays, among them. And look out for the ire she unleashes on "cookbookees," genetically modified foods, plastic, and neocultural kitchen practices! The culminating work of an illustrious career, Nothing Fancy is an irreplaceable opportunity to spend time in the kitchen with Diana Kennedy, listening to the stories she has collected and making the food she has loved over a long lifetime of cooking.

The story of Doyle Brunson, an American treasure and the greatest poker player of all time, is one for the ages. Its a story of guts and glory, of good luck and bad, of triumph and unspeakable tragedy, of courage and grace. He has survived whippings, gun fights, stabbings, mobsters (the real-life ones portrayed in the movie Casino), murderers, and a death sentence when, riddled with incurable cancer, he was given months to live by doctors who told him his hand was played out.A master of the bluff, his most outrageous bluff came after being pistol-whipped and told hes going to die with a gunman pointing a pistol at his forehead. Again, he lived. Brunson has seen it all: from the athletic deeds and a leg shattered by a freak injury which waylaid his path to the NBA (he was drafted by the Lakers), to the devastating death of his first-born daughter, to outrageous exploits like trying to discover Noah Ark and raise the Titanic. Doyles rollercoaster of a life defines the saying: Truth is stranger than fiction.Twice a winner of the prestigious World Series of Poker in Las Vegas, he's won millions and lost millions sometimes in seconds but decidedly more of the former than the latter. Brunson can still be found playing in the highest stakes poker games in the world, often with as much as one million dollars in front of him. To every one of the 250 million people worldwide who play poker each year, Doyle Brunson, is the legendary Babe Ruth of Poker the greatest gambler and poker player who has ever lived.

*The (Almost) Entirely True Story of the World Series of Poker*

**Life and Death Adventures with Pararescue, the World's Most Powerful Commando Rescue Force**

**How I Gambled Over a Grand a Day for 30 Days on Sports, Poker, and Games of Chance**

**Hate Crime Hoax**

**The Memoirs of the Greatest Gambler Who Ever Lived**

**A Love Affair with Poker**

Amirillo Slim Preston has won \$300,000 from Willie Nelson playing dominoes and \$2 million from Larry Flynt playing poker. He has shuffled, dealt, and bluffed with some of twentieth-century's most famous figures. He beat Minnesota Fats at pool with a broom, Bobby Riggs at table tennis with a skittle, and Evel Knievel at golf with a carpenter's hammer. Amarillo Slim has gambled with 'em all, and left most of them wishing they hadn't. The memoirs of a living American icon, Amarillo Slim in a World Full of Fat People is the story of life as a Texas road gambler and the discovery of the Wild West. It's also the story of how Slim won the World Series of Poker at Binion's Horseshoe, and brought poker from smoky backrooms to mainstream America. Just let him tell it: "If there's anything I'll argue about, it'll either bet on it or shut up. And since it's not very becoming for a cowboy to be arguing, I've made a few wagers in my day. But in my humble opinion, I'm no ordinary hustler. You see, neighbor, I never go looking for a sucker. I look for a champion and make a sucker out of him ..." "I'm fixing to tell you a few things that I've been keeping to myself for a lot of years. If you're not careful, you just might learn how to get rich without ever having a job."

Traces the rise and fall of poker champion Siusy Ungar, offering insight into his meteoric career as one of the game's most feared tournament players, the factors behind his tragic change of circumstances, and his early death at the age of forty-five. Reprint. 35,000 first printing.

Told with audacity and homespun wit, this book is the wildly original memoir of the larger-than-life gambling legend, pool champ, and poker king.

Chronicles the history of the World Series of Poker championship as drawn from interviews, video footage, and written accounts to trace its rise from a 1970s publicity stunt at a second-tier casino to a high-profile competition, in an account that includes coverage of key players and events, updated to include information on the 2005 tournament. Reprint. 25,000 first printing.

The Rise and Fall of Siusy...The Kid...Ungar, The World's Greatest Poker Player

Mike Matusow: Check-Raising the Devil

How the Left is Selling a Fake Race War

How to Make Money Writing for the Gaming Industry

All In

The Full Tilt Poker Strategy Guide

The tumultuous rags to riches, fame to fortune, dream to nightmare autobiography of the most volatile and colorful poker player in the world, fan and media favorite Mike "The Mouth" Matusow. This book has it all: drugs, sex, partying like a rock star, jail, suicidal depression, bipolar bouts and world championship poker. Mike "The Mouth" Matusow, one of the top professional poker players in the world (with over \$6 million in tournament earnings) has become more than just a household name. He's a favorite among the millions of television viewers who have come to count on his outrageously candid comments, emotional outbursts, and constant taunts that affirm the aptness of his nickname and make for great television theatre. A rags-to-riches success story, Matusow's life has been as much nightmare as it has been dream. His struggle with undiagnosed bipolar and ADHD disorders led to self-medication with illegal drugs, such as crystal meth and ecstacy, and a tumultuous descent in the drug-fueled Las Vegas club scene. As drug use turned to drug abuse, Matusow's descent, taking his multi-million dollar bankroll along, went on the downward spiral that led to an arrest for a narcotics buy and the specter of a ten-year prison term (subsequently plea bargained down to a six month jail sentence). The Mouth's story is a high stakes rollercoaster ride featuring an insider's view of some of the world's largest poker tournaments, unbearable depression and suicidal tendencies, the Las Vegas party scene, rock star-like excess, outrageous antics, drug abuse, jail, and, in many ways, salvation. And through the worst of it, Matusow's phenomenal talent and tenacity prevailed; there was never a year that Mike failed to make a final table in a World Series of Poker event. This memoir is funny, outspoken and brash, while humbly and painfully honest about the highs and lows of poker, life, and the odyssey of overcoming psychological illness in a bastion of pressure and temptation. There is also a foreword by Phil Hellmuth, 11-time World Series of Poker bracelet holder.

In this new and completely revised edition, the first reigning World Series of Poker Champion gets down and dirty about how to win big. It's not just about cards. It's about the people who hold them, so you'll need to be a master of human nature. Who better to teach you than American folk hero and gambling legend Amarillo Slim? Get his first-hand secrets on everything from counting cards to judging opponents, the laws of probability, betting, bluffing, when to drop, and when to pick up your chips and head home.

Amarillo Slim might be the greatest gambler who ever lived, but it's his down-home charm and folksy storytelling that have made him an American idol and media darling. Slim is a legend, as American as Paul Bunyan, Jesse James, and P.T. Barnum. He talks about famous people he's taken money from in high-stakes gambling, along with more of his greatest gambling exploits.

The most comprehensive craps book ever written, this is the book that gives readers everything needed to get a real, verifiable edge at the game of craps. The authors, two of the greatest living dice controllers, share, in words and pictures, their secret Golden Touch technique and give the edge needed to beat the house. Readers will learn several keys to winner craps, including how the game is really played, how to develop a Golden Touch controlled throw, which are the best and worst bets and "buy" bets, how to reduce the hit of the house edge by using the five count, how to push the casino to give a better game than advertised, how to set the dice to reduce or increase the appearance of different numbers, and how to judge what a real edge means.

The Unsinkable Titanic Thompson

Running the Table

Bet the House

Amarillo Slim in a World Full of Fat People

Amarillo Slim in a World of Spec Sales

Poker Tilt

Introduced shortly after the United States declared its independence, poker's growth and development has paralleled that of America itself. As a gambling game with mass appeal, poker has been played by presidents and peasants, for matchsticks and millions. First came the hands, then came the stories - some true, some pure bluffs, and many in between. In *Poker & Pop Culture: Telling the Story of America's Favorite Card Game*, Martin Harris shares these stories while chronicling poker's progress from 19th-century steamboats and saloons to 21st-century virtual tables online, including: *Poker on the Mississippi* *Poker in the Movies* *Poker in the Old West* *Poker on the Newsstand* *Poker in the Civil War* *Poker in Literature* *Poker on the Bookshelf* *Poker in Music* *Poker in the White House* *Poker on Television* *Poker During Wartime* *Poker on the Computer* *From Mark Twain to "Dogs Playing Poker" to W.C. Fields to John Wayne to A Streetcar Named Desire to the Cold War to Kenny Rogers to ESPN to Star Trek: The Next Generation and beyond*, *Poker & Pop Culture* provides a comprehensive survey of cultural productions in which poker is of thematic importance, showing how the game's portrayal in the mainstream has increased poker's relevance to American history and shaped the way we think about the game and its significance.

You have a great writing style, very credible, and entertaining. Those were dangerous times. Almost all of the guys are one. A great book!...Doyle Brunson, Poker Hall of Fame, author. Here's as good a writer as he is a player. When it comes to poker tales...Johnny Hughes is your man.... Anthony Holden, London, President of the International Federation of Poker, author ... a captivating raconteur and avid historian...brings them to life with a unique flair and panache...[He] paints word pictures with witty, lush brush strokes reminiscent of Tom Wolfe... -Paul "Dr. Pauly" McGuire, author ...the William Manchester of poker historians...a Hughes narrative is like lighting a lantern into the darkest recess of poker's subculture...provides the very best portrait of these unique real-life characters of anyone on record.... Nolan Dalia, Media Director. World Series of Poker, author....the true story...of the beginnings of the phenomenon that poker has become....Crandell Addington, Poker Hall of Fame. Reading...is only paralleled by listening to him tell those stories in real time...like putting yourself in the same room as it all unfolded...when the mob ruled Las Vegas...the real stories... Ryan Sayer, OntLit Radio, C.O.O., and Host...www.JohnnyHughes.com

Poker is America's national card game, and its popularity continues to grow. Nationwide, you can find a game in progress everywhere. If you want to play, you can find poker games on replicas of 19th century riverboats or on Native American tribal lands. You can play poker at home with the family or online with opponents from around the world. Like bowling and billiards before it, poker has moved out from under the seadier side of its roots and is flowering in the sunshine. Maybe you've never played poker before and you don't even know what a full house is. *Poker For Dummies* covers the basics. Or perhaps you've played for years, but you just don't know how to win. This handy guide will help you walk away from the poker table with winnings, not lint, in your pockets. If you're a poker expert, you still can benefit - some of the suggestions may surprise you, and you can certainly learn from the anecdotes from professional players like T.J. Cloutier and Stu Unger. Know what it takes to start winning hand after hand by exploring strategy; getting to know antes and betting structure; knowing your opponents, and understanding the odds. *Poker For Dummies* also covers the following topics and more: *Poker* games such as Seven-Card Stud, Omaha, and Texas Hold'em *Setting up a game at home* *Playing in a casino*: Do's and don'ts *Improving your play* with Internet and video poker *Deciphering poker sayings* and slang *Ten ways to read your opponent's body language* *Playing in poker tournaments* *Money management and recordkeeping* *Knowing when and how to bluff* *Poker* looks like such a simple game. Anyone, it seems, can play it well - but that's far from the truth. Learning the rules can be quick work, but becoming a winning player takes considerably longer. Still, anyone willing to make the effort can become a good player. You can succeed in poker the way you succeed in life: by facing it squarely, getting up earlier than the next player, and working harder and smarter than the competition. Foreword by Chris Moneymaker, 2003 World Series of Poker Champion.

Titanic Thompson: The Man Who Bet on Everything

Inside the Richest Poker Game of All Time

The Legend of Kid Delicious, the Last Great American Pool Hustler

The Education of a Poker Player

Bobby Baldwin's Winning Poker Secrets