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Harrington On Online Cash Games; 6-Max No-Limit Hold 'em



Synopsis

No-limit hold em was once a game played almost exclusively in casinos. But during the last decade, the game's growth has been fueled in part by the easy availability of online playing sites where participants can play cash games and tournaments 24 hours a day, every day. In *Harrington on Online Cash Games*, Dan Harrington shows you the key ideas and skills that will let you master the online poker world which differs in some significant ways from the world of casino games. You'll learn how to handle different stack sizes, how to play at 6-max tables, how to deal with increased levels of aggression, and how to use the poker databases and heads-up displays that give you unprecedented information on your opponent's tendencies. Harrington lays out detailed strategies for preflop and post-flop play in both the popular micro-stakes games and the more difficult small-stakes games. If you play online poker or you're looking to get started, you'll need to read this book. Dan Harrington won the gold bracelet and the World Champion title at the \$10,000 buy-in No-Limit Hold em Championship at the 1995 World Series of Poker. And he was the only player to make the final table in 2003 (field of 839) and 2004 (field of 2,576) considered by cognoscenti to be the greatest accomplishment in WSOP history. In *Harrington on Online Cash Games*, Harrington and two-time World Backgammon Champion Bill Robertie have written the definitive books on no-limit cash games in the online world. This book will teach you what you need to know to be a winner playing on the Internet.

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Customer Reviews

I found this book to be especially reliable in beating short-handed games. Harrington does an extensive job at researching and covering all the elements of short-handed cash games. It is

definitely better than his previous works on cash games because he covers the more commonly played games that you should play against most people in the online world. I do credit his approach because it works in my own game. Harrington may seem like a tight, nitty player, but he is actually raising lots of pots when the players are down to short-handed, and he is fighting for lots of pots. This book optimizes that approach and teaches the reader how to handle most of the given scenarios you will run into at the tables. One last thing I would like to mention as that this book is very similar to Harrington on Modern Tournaments because the outline is generally the same on which hands to play, although this book goes into more coverage of how you should handle specific situations.

I'm not a poker expert and I was looking at introductory level texts to advance in the game and learn how to think about hands and strategy. This book is exactly what I was looking for. It assumes only that you know the rules of the game and starts teaching basic analytical skills (odds, bet sizing, pre flop ranges, etc.). It then progresses to a more detailed break down of the game and talks about board textures, range equity calculations, types of players, etc. This is all basic and probably present in all good introductory poker books but I found Harrington to be very able at making concepts clear and at teaching not just the numbers but what they mean and how to get at them, in essence how to think and reason about poker, which is what the success in the game's about. The later parts of the book tackle the online aspect: a good rundown of how to use HUDs and an in depth exploration of the type of game and players in different stakes levels (micro, small, medium, high), which I found very useful. I also loved the section with practical problems and hand situations to analyze based on play and HUD statistics. I fully recommend this book for anyone who wants to improve online poker playing.

I've read a number of poker books since I started learning to play. None taught me more than the Harrington books. The tournament strategy books are the best there are for learning the fundamentals of tournament play. This book does for cash games what those do for tournaments. I've heard many poker players say that, since the Harrington books are so widely read, the strategy is no longer effective. While that may or may not be true, the concepts outlined in the books are fundamental to understanding how to play. While the tournament books do emphasize the tight aggressive style, he does acknowledge other styles, and understanding the basics taught in the books makes it easier to make adjustments in one's personal playing style. It's also interesting to note that, while the tournament books emphasize playing tight, the cash game books emphasize

playing loose. It's important to understand the reasoning behind this, and the books do a very good job of explaining it.

I have read at least 50 books on Hold'em, and this barely beats out *Professional No-Limit Hold'em: Volume I* for the title of number one. While the gap between one and two might be small, the gap between 2 and 3 is large. After two disappointing volumes on live cash games, Harrington comes correct with the right way to improve your game, by practicing for small stakes online. He gives you the tools to analyze your opponents' play and exploit them if they are weak, or if they are strong, avoid being exploited yourself. Emphasis is on equity against different hand ranges depending on flop texture. The most fundamentally sound analysis anywhere, laid out clearly. Once you beat small stakes games online, you'll crush medium stakes live.

This book is very informative, if you are new to poker you NEED to read this book. If you are already playing online and haven't read this book do it because probably all the people you're playing with already did. It has some very basic info that you can skip if you've played before, but I like the ideas in setting your HUD and how to learn to read HUDS and use it when you're playing.

This book should cost more... something around \$120 because the information it gives you can convert an absolute beginner to a good player and a good player can become a really dangerous player at the 6-max tables. If Harrington's book would cost more, less people would buy it and I could win even more money on online poker :) however it's just a business, I understand that a well price good product sells more than an expensive good product. Anyways... There is no magic formula can be found in this book. You want to study this book, not just read it through and wait for a miracle. If you are patient and willing to invest the time it's needed, this is the only book you will need to buy to become a successful online player at the 6-max tables! Good luck to you all!

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