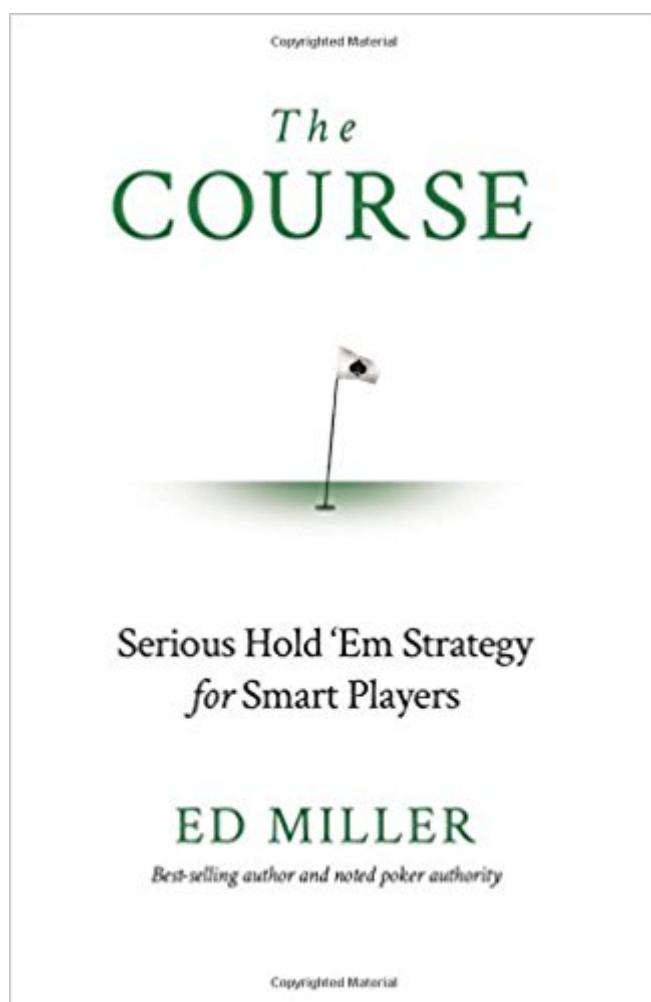


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# The Course: Serious Hold 'Em Strategy For Smart Players



## Synopsis

The Course is different from other poker books you may have read. It's written for players who are smart and who know that to succeed, you have to be different. Because in poker, if you play and think like everyone else, you'll also get results just like everyone else.

There's a saying in the golf world that you don't worry about the other players. You just play the course. It doesn't matter if you're playing in a big tournament against a hundred other players or against just one. It doesn't matter if you're playing against Tiger Woods or against Woody the Woodpecker. You can't control what they do, so they can only be a distraction. All that matters is the course. And the only thing you can control is how you play it. This is a powerful idea, and it applies just as well in poker. Poker is full of distractions, and most players get hung up worrying about all the wrong things. The things they can't control. The things that ultimately don't matter. The Course: Serious Hold 'Em Strategy For Smart Players, cuts through all the noise. It's a practical and effective, step-by-step guide to winning consistently at no-limit hold 'em. It teaches the game as a series of skills. The first skill is the most important, but also the most fundamental. Each subsequent skill builds upon the last. Master the first few skills, and you can win at the 1-2 or 1-3 level. Master the next few, and you can win at 2-5. And master the final skills, and you can hang at 5-10 among the best players at your local card room. The Course focuses on the most important concepts that determine who wins and moves up and who doesn't. And it ignores the distractions. It doesn't waste your time and attention with ideas that don't apply to the games you play. Unlike many other books, this book is ruthlessly practical. The ideas in The Course transfer directly from the page to the felt. The book starts out by showing you where and how money is available to win. Everything after teaches you how to go get it. Skill by skill, you will learn to win more money and win it faster. The Course meets you where you are. If you're just beginning to get serious about hold 'em, the book starts you with a sound foundational strategy. If you're an experienced player looking to get over the next hump, the book lays bare the challenge and teaches you what you need to do. Unless you're already the boss player at your local card room, The Course is the perfect companion to help take you to where you want to go.

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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.

Tommy Angelo in Elements of Poker, probably offered the single best piece of advice every written to becoming a good player, always play your  $\hat{A}f\hat{A}c\hat{A}$   $\rightarrow\hat{A}$   $\hat{A}“A\hat{A}f\hat{A}c\hat{A}$   $\rightarrow\hat{A}$   $\hat{A}•$  game. He never really defined what an  $\hat{A}f\hat{A}c\hat{A}$   $\rightarrow\hat{A}$   $\hat{A}“A\hat{A}f\hat{A}c\hat{A}$   $\rightarrow\hat{A}$   $\hat{A}•$  looks like, other than it was significantly better than your  $\hat{A}f\hat{A}c\hat{A}$   $\rightarrow\hat{A}$   $\hat{A}“D\hat{A}f\hat{A}c\hat{A}$   $\rightarrow\hat{A}$   $\hat{A}•$  game. The Course defines the  $\hat{A}f\hat{A}c\hat{A}$   $\rightarrow\hat{A}$   $\hat{A}“A\hat{A}f\hat{A}c\hat{A}$   $\rightarrow\hat{A}$   $\hat{A}•$  game for live low stakes no-limit Holdem. If you stick to Ed's guidelines, you will become a winning player. I first encountered Ed over 12 years ago on the 2-plus-2 forums for his famous post,  $\hat{A}f\hat{A}c\hat{A}$   $\rightarrow\hat{A}$   $\hat{A}“Why You Are Not Crushing Small Stakes Holdem.$   $\hat{A}f\hat{A}c\hat{A}$   $\rightarrow\hat{A}$   $\hat{A}$  Ed had taken the time to write a long post about the skills necessary to beat the game and then took the time to answers questions. Since it was free, his only reward was helping other players get better. Ed went on to become the most prolific authors on small stakes Holdem. While I am sure he likes the money and fame, I think his principle motivations remain the same. A sincere desire to help people become better players. In The Course, Ed distills all the poker knowledge from his previous books and articles into a skill-by-skill framework to becoming proficient at 1-3, 2-5, and beyond. On any of one of these skills, there is more to learn but he provides the essential knowledge. Example, in Pokers 1%, he goes through the math of why calling and then folding too many hands is everyone's biggest leak. In The Course, he tells you this concept, but does not spend too long on the why. To understand the why plan on reading his other books, they are all excellent and worth your while. Ed boils his advice down to advice that is very simply to remember and follow. Example, Don't Pay People Off

when they bet big is his second skill for a 1-3 level game. Just following that simple advice will enable many players to go from loser to break even. Vegas players have feasted for years on tourists never being able to lay down Ace-King when an Ace flops. To those thinking that it's obvious, set mining would not be profitable if most players, even supposed "good" ones would not pay you off. Later, at the 2-5 level, he explains there are times you need to violate this rule, as always folding to big bets at higher levels will become as big a leak as never folding. Next time I pay someone off, and it will happen; now I have a framework to decide if it was the right decision. Many people, who have read all of Ed's books and articles, may wonder if this is just a repetition of previous work. For me, The Course reinforce some of the things I knew, and explained things in a way that finally got through my brain. The chapter on getting 3 streets of value from good hands was well worth the price of admission. This is one poker book where the whole is greater than the sum of the parts. When you go through the entire journey with Ed, from answering the question where does the money come to taking on the pros, you emerge as a better player. I have already read the book several times, something I normally never do. It is that good. For a serious player, The Course will become the one book you always reread on the flight to Vegas.

Solid book on improving your poker. Following his advice has improved my game in the past few sessions. Now playing and winning with combos I previously mucked. Worth the \$\$\$

Great

Very excellent book, but not for the novice. In order to understand and benefit from the material in this book the reader must have a thorough understanding of the basics of poker.

Great learning tool. Ed Miller is the best

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