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Jerry Yang : All in before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised All in:

9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Inspirational, moving, and a pretty good telling of the dream all Poker players have. By Ian Bradbury I watched the live stream of the 2007 WSOP final table and loved it all, even without holecards. At the time I thought it was "The Jerry Yang Show", though of course the open praying at the table grated a bit, but whatever... This book follows the dual paths of the road to the championship, and Jerry's escape from Laos as a refugee, hence the title. I became as engrossed in one as the other, and though God is there throughout the

story, this is not an evangelical tome. All players who reach the final table should read it, it will put a few things in perspective, and for those of us who will never make it, it allows us to ride along with Jerry all the way. The highs and lows of poker, as well as life. Jerry comes across as a great guy, he's been through a lot, and never loses sight of that, even on the road to millions of dollars. A perilous journey with an eventual fairytale ending. Get it, read it, live the dream along with Jerry, you won't be disappointed!

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Gripping Story From Beginning to End By Dr. David P. Craig I got this book on a whim because I like Mark Tabb's writing. I don't claim to be a poker player or a son of a poker player (as a matter of fact - I don't think my dad's ever played poker). Anyway, this is a gripping story of a young boy's life growing up near Laos and the tragedies and joy's as his family escaped torture and persecution from the North Viet Nam Communists traveling from their small village in Laos to a refugee camp in Thailand and then to the USA. In the USA Jerry Yang tells the story of how he became the 2007 World Series Poker Champ. There are 24 chapters in the book and Mark Tabb weaves the story of Jerry and his family's escape and his rise as poker champion of the world. If you love good stories that end well - you will love this book. It gripped me from the beginning. The story has it all - it will grab your emotions and inspire you (it had me crying and laughing throughout). You will see how God's providence is weaved throughout the story as well. Whether you like poker or not - you will love this book because it will restore your love for the things that have made the USA such a great country - immigrants fleeing for their lives to have opportunities, working hard, and achieving their dreams. Jerry Yang is a tremendous role model and I think what he has done with his earnings and life since he won the 2007 championship is amazing and inspiring - not in the world of poker - but in helping other refugees like he was at one time. I highly recommend this book for your reading pleasure and to inspire you to once again believe in the American Dream from someone who has shown that you can be and do anything if you put your mind to it and work hard.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Trust in God By Sriharsha While the austerity demonstrated by the principle character is unparalleled; "the journey that was lucky enough to be guided by his imaginative beliefs": to describe the book tersely. The interesting feature of this book was that faith the gambler puts on the God. He attributes every success of his to God. Is it simply that luck which has always been in his favour? Had his shaman grand pa waited a bit more before a conversation, which may not really have been needed for his healing? His assertions are more like deadlocked arguments to debate any further. However, as the popular adage goes, "winners need not explain, while the losers shouldn't"; he has been a winner and attributes to his success are solely his rights!!! Pig bladder football!!!! Through sounds disgusting, it really is a good example of forgotten maverick ways. Also surprising that for forest dwellers, apples and grapes were foreign!! On a personal note, I recall a similar situation, wherein one of my acquaintances was complaining about the "height" of a western commode. Also, it is very much true that gambling isn't all that much of a chance game as it appears. The skill sets for a professional gambler are well seen here. The importance of patience can actually be felt by the reader. Another good aspect here is that the narrator has well contained his nostalgia by finishing up his love story in a flick! Though his personal journey was one half of the book, trying to contain a love story would have made the book a bit mundane!

In this intimate profile of an unlikely poker champion, the life story of Yang is laid out--from his difficult Hmong childhood to his success as a professional poker player.

"A story of ultimate personal triumph." Booklist, starred review