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Foreword by Jake Nevola

"For those willing to put the time and effort, this book is the absolute best place to learn how to cull and stack a deck of cards invisibly."

-- Jake Nevola, Professional NYC Card Magician

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don't really write reviews but I wanted to help clarify my stance on this book and outline who should buy this book.---

This book is NOT for people who despise cheaters and have strong moral objections to the act of cheating. This book is NOT for people who are close minded and object to learning lessons from all kinds of people. This book IS for anybody who wants to understand card manipulation and use it to their advantage. This book IS for the curious, nonjudgemental individual who simply wants to understand the psychology and tactics used in card manipulation. This book IS for people who want to play casually and learn about card manipulation. This book IS for people who want to detect cheaters and beat them at their own game.

Cons --- This book has some pics but it could definitely include more photos for visualising card manipulation step-by-step. Also a recommended resource list would have been helpful.

Pros --- There are very few books out there (if any) that detail how to cheat. That's why this book is so dangerous. It contains a lot of card manipulation techniques packed into one book that can be used for "good" or "evil". Also, there's no replacement for reading a book which concentrates on a certain topic. There's some interesting coverage on the psychology which can be helpful. And just by reading this book you'll get some insight into the why behind cheating and how to detect cheating (if that's something you're interested in) While the techniques in this book aren't something I would frequently use, I can definitely see the skill involved. While I don't necessarily condone cheating people out of their money, I can now observe card games from a new angle and I might just have a few tricks to show people at parties now. Again, this book isn't for everyone, but I'd rather be informed about card manipulation than not.

1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Essential for Aspiring Card Sharps

By isaac smith

This book is definitely for a certain type of person: someone that reads the descriptions of books before they buy them. I do not understand why the book has received such poor reviews when it does exactly what it is purposed to do: teach one how to become a card sharp. Whether you are desiring to learn some sleights for magic purposes or to "even out" the scales in a card game, this book provides some vital knowledge that any aspiring magician or card sharp ought to learn. Hongyu Chen explains well how one can twist the odds in their favor, if necessary, through a controlled shuffles, glides, and a strong memory. Personally, I have found that practicing the techniques outlined in the book have honed my finger dexterity and memory as well. Obviously, I have had good results from reading this book; while I understand some people's problems with the book, I do not understand complaining about a product that does what was expected of it and outlined in the summary. This book is not a disgrace to a gentleman's game. If anything, this book is a definite classic and a good buy if you actually want to learn how to become a card sharp.

2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. You Get What You Ask For

By Anon

This is a great book for card players of all kinds. It's detailed, but precise. The author clearly has a passion for card manipulation and slight of hand that inspires the reader to go beyond the source material and test it out themselves. I am giving this book five stars because I believe it achieves the author's intentions. It gets you to try out these techniques and start working on your card manipulation schools as a valuable guide.

Find the cards you need and deal them where you want. "Through his book 'Sleight of Deck', [Hongyu Chen] ignites a paradigm shift in the mathematics of card manipulation. It is a must read, an undiscovered work of true foresight..." -- Gary Le, Thiel Fellow and Card Enthusiast. Ever wanted to deal yourself Aces at the poker table? Sleight of Deck makes it look easy. Sleight of Deck uncovers some of the best kept secrets of the card sharp. Many of the moves in this book were independently developed are not found elsewhere in the literature, such as: Stacking any combination of hole cards, flops, turns, and rivers in Texas Hold'em Poker with just a single overhand shuffle and three riffle shuffles. Pulling any named card out of a preshuffled deck with at most two riffle shuffles. Dealing with incoming and leaving players after the deck is stacked. And many more. Prepare for an exhilarating ride through the world of professional gambling, sleight-of-hand trickery, and expert card manipulation. Welcome to Sleight of Deck.