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be worth my time, and all praised *Winning in Tough Hold 'em Games: Short-Handed and High-Stakes Concepts and Theory for Limit Hold 'em*:

8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Great Book, Needs Serious Editing By L. Callen This is an unusual book, to say the least. Every detail of how to handle tough, short handed play is in here. The weakness is in the editing, layout and just general usability of the text. This would easily be a five star text with only a little bit of work. Large portions of this book consist of spreadsheets showing performance of certain plays under various conditions. The tables are staggering in their size. There are roughly 70 pages of spreadsheet tables with hundreds of cells apiece. While this is a scholarly work, the editors could have insisted in summations of the spreadsheets using graphs or charts and then put the tables in an appendix. It would have added greatly to the readability. Also, it would have been helpful if they had included a CD ROM with the tables in spreadsheet form for the rest of us to sort through. This is a good book though. If you're willing to take some time to sort out the logic of the tables (here I'm talking spreadsheet tables, not playing tables) then the book is worth every penny. But don't go charging into this text expecting an easy read. This is a book for those serious enough to put extra effort into digging, reading and re-reading. The plus side is - you can rest assured these guys have done their homework. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Another Two Plus Two Classic. I wish Stox would ... By John J Moschetta Jr. Another Two Plus Two Classic. I wish Stox would right a book on NLH. Perhaps it could be titled *Winning in Tough No Limit Games: Short-Handed and High-Stakes Concepts for NLH*. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Standard classic from Two Plus Two By jonnyrock2000 This book is a solid read. Very helpful and very advanced. The spreadsheets were a bit of an overkill though. Yes, it is nice to see that A8s plays better than A9o, but when the sample size isn't adjusted it looks a bit confusing. Also, the spreadsheets do not carry column headers over to the next page, so it is a bit painful to keep referring back to the previous page. The finite math here that shows differences to the 10th decimal are not really possible or practical with live play. Obviously, it is more applicable when running analytic software on-line. Overall, it doesn't add too many epiphanies to the previous Two Plus Two classics, but the insight it gives on a few strategies does prove helpful. Bottom line is buy the classics first like Sklansky and Caro. Also, Hanson's *Every Hand Revealed* is a great counter balance to Sklansky's super tight aggressive approach.

The recent boom of Texas hold em has forever changed the way the game is played. Many more people know how to play this game well. Even the loose players who come to gamble have become far more aggressive, making them more difficult to play against. So a basic tight and patient strategy will no longer guarantee that you can make a significant amount of money in games at the higher stakes. This is especially true short-handed, which have become increasingly popular in the online poker rooms. This text is the first to tackle the complex issues presented when playing short-handed and high-stakes limit hold em. But even if you happen to only play in softer games, many of the key concepts presented will still help you against the other good players in your game. *Winning in Tough Hold em Games* includes an examination of pre-flop play, covering issues at a depth of sophistication which have never appeared in print before including discussions of blind stealing, re-stealing, isolating a loose player, big blind and small blind defense, and blind versus blind play. Also covered are thorough sections on playing heads up and semi-bluffing. In addition, over 50 hands, taken from high stakes online games which were played by Stoxtrader, are presented along with appropriate discussion of the strategy involved. This book is a must read for anyone hoping to make a meaningful income from playing limit hold em. It is a serious text and should be beneficial for those of you willing to make the effort to master this material.