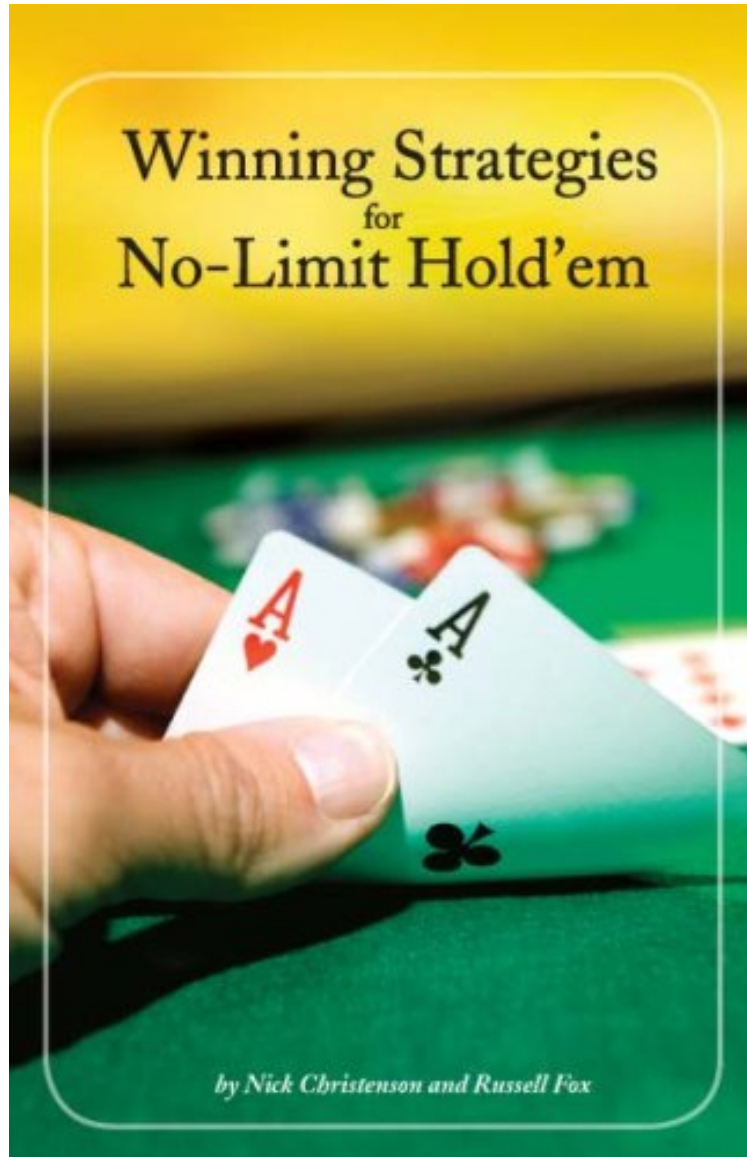


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There are many books on the market that discuss no-limit Texas hold'em, but this one is unique. Winning Strategies for No-Limit Hold'em discusses, in considerable depth, critically important aspects of the game that are given only superficial treatment by other authors. Instead of providing a simplistic and familiar approach to the basics of no-limit hold'em, this volume improves the reader's understanding of the game by focusing on a few key themes including: The importance of planning ahead in no-limit hold'em When and why to switch between an optimal and exploitive strategy Understanding the differences between deep-stacked and short-stacked play the most comprehensive examination of no-limit bet sizing to ever appear in print. Players with an interest in the game of no-limit hold'em are sure to learn something from the novel ways of approaching the game that appear in this book.

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