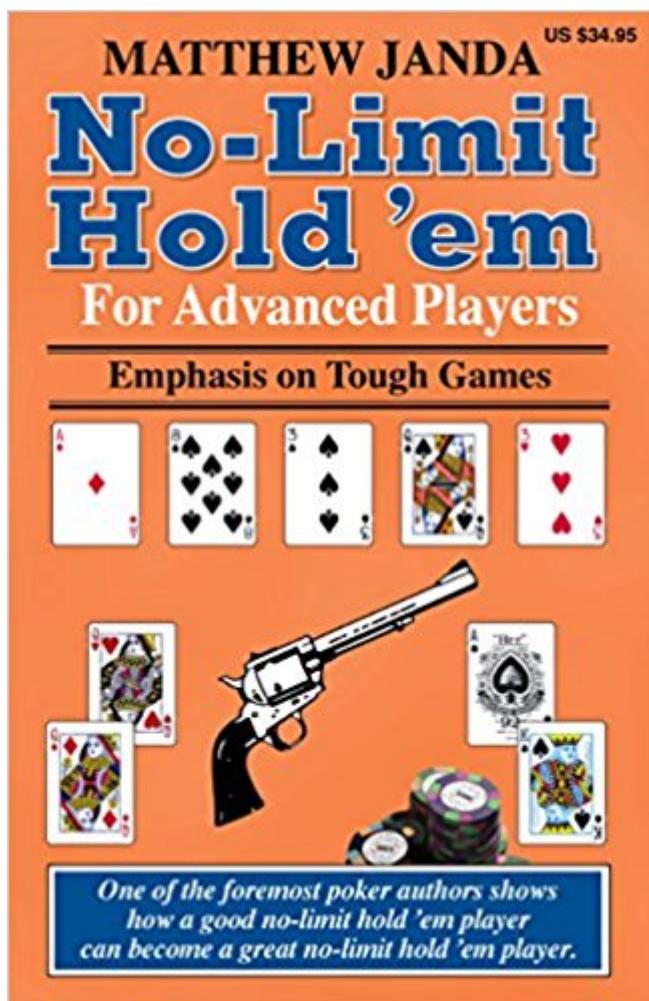


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# No-Limit Hold 'em For Advanced Players



## Synopsis

In 2003 poker was put on television and no-limit hold em quickly became the most popular form of poker played in casinos, public cardrooms, and on the Internet. At first, because of the newness of the game to most participants, they could be easily beaten by players with only a moderate knowledge of sophisticated strategy. But today, this is no longer the case. Even though no-limit hold em is not, from a Game Theory perspective, a solved game, many ideas and concepts which come from this branch of mathematics now play an important role in a strong, winning no-limit hold em strategy. But it's also important for the expert player to know when to leave what is known about optimal play and switch to exploitative strategies to maximize his profit. And this brings us to *No-Limit Hold em for Advanced Players, Emphasis on Tough Games* by Matthew Janda. In this text, Janda spends much time discussing sophisticated strategies that should be employed against tough opposition, some of which has never been published before. He then supports his ideas with the modern advanced software programs of PokerSnowie and PioSOLVER. Topics covered include, but not limited to, Linear, Condensed, and Polarized Ranges, Raising First In As the Button, Understanding High Variance Plays, Turn Play and Overbets, Understanding Counter Strategies, Opening Frequencies Based on Stack Depth, Playing Short in Button vs Big Blind Situations, and Denying Your Opponents Equity While Realizing Ours.

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## Customer Reviews

Matthew Janda has had an interest in card games his entire life, and began playing poker with friends in high school before playing online cash games in college. While originally studying business economics at UCLA, a game theory course sparked his interest in poker theory and

optimal play. After Black Friday in 2011, Matt began transitioning from playing poker to pursuing medicine. He is now a 4th year podiatry student at Samuel Merritt University and studying to be a podiatric surgeon. While he has much less time for poker now than he did in the past, discussing poker theory remains his favorite hobby as it is too enjoyable to realistically call it a job. He currently makes theory oriented videos for CardRunners and teaches math and poker theory to players from all around the world. This is his second book for Two Plus Two Publishing LLC. His first book, Applications of No-Limit Hold 'em; a Guide to Understanding Theoretical Sound Poker, was well received and is considered one of the most important book in this field by many players.

Excellent book as expected. Keyword = For Advanced Players. Can't see even a casual player having much use for it. Not quite as technical as his 1st book though that seems to be mainly because he assumes you've already read the 1st book and he doesn't waste time rehashing its info but gets straight to the meat of the matter. The kind of book that even on the 3rd, 4th read you pick up concepts you totally missed the times before.

Overall a good book. Interesting concepts and a lot of good, concise examples (thought I did disagree in a few spots - I'll message the author later to address my concerns). I'm currently a 1/3 2/5 NLH grinder and have already started implementing some of his ideas and concepts. My biggest gripe with this book is the number of typos and in some cases omitted information - this can definitely confuse some of the more beginning players, as you'll need a decent amount of poker knowledge to realize Janda meant something completely different in a few spots. The book is lacks specific information on balancing and when/how to bluff, but definitely offered a lot of insight in terms of bet-sizing and how to play certain streets. If you are an intermediate or advanced player, I'd definitely recommend this book.

Disappointingly, after his excellent "Applications", the author reverts back to a "intuitive" explanation for most hand examples, the same type of poker advice we have been getting for the last 20 years. E.g., frequent riffs on the theme "well yes we may be exploitable by X line but that doesn't mean villains will do it". Very little new insight contained in these pages, although the section on short stack play might be worth the price of this book.

Well thought out, and well written. A bit too much Mason, but other than, no complaints. Nice examples.

Details and strategies explained very well. Loved the question answer part of each chapter.

Easy to read explanation of advanced concepts from solvers.

Amazing book for people who know advanced strategy.

In the book Janda mentions that he tries to make the book beneficial for players of all skill level...which might sound difficult (if not impossible) to do, but he successfully does it IMO. New players and even some weaker regulars will see how their thought process should look like while playing, which is more important than any other thing they can possibly learn. They will also learn about relevant key concepts in today's poker game. Regulars and even very good regulars will confirm and simplify (which is extremely important) what they already know and also get some new ideas for sure...

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