

# Introduction

## Why I am Writing this Book

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I thought a lot about whether or not to write this book. Most poker players realize that if you educate the weaker players, they will get better, reducing your win rate. While this is true, only the most studious readers of this book will play the games I play and even if they do, I don't think it will affect my bottom line too much. The real reason I am writing this book is because I want to give back to the poker community. I was fortunate to get into poker during a time when the Internet forums were full of useful information instead of rubbish like they are today. I made numerous friends through these forums and learned basically everything I know from them. I want to give the new players a way to learn everything I learned without having to come in contact with world-class players or wade through the giant Internet forums.

I learned quite a bit from the numerous poker books on the market. Most of the books on poker are not that great. Unlike most subjects, you don't actually have to be an expert to write a book on poker. In fact, most people that play poker think they are profitable at the game whereas, in reality, most are consistent losers. I have personally written every word in this book. It was hard work and took me a

long time, as I am not an author. I am a poker player. Most of the authors teach a weak-tight style that will lose money in the long run. While the weak-tight style may have worked 20 years ago, it is certain to fail in today's games. Sure, it will get you a 10-percent in-the-money rate in tournaments, but that strategy is a losing one. I want to correct everything in the out-of-date books and hopefully silence all the authors who claim to be professional poker players but actually make a living selling books to unsuspecting buyers. This book is meant to be the definitive book on tournament poker. When I set out to do something, I do it right. You will quickly see that as you read through this book.

The final reason I am writing this book is simply because I like helping people. If even a few readers of this book improve their quality of life, it will be well worth it. It seems like every time I log onto the Internet, I have a new success story in my email box saying how my poker-training videos have helped someone get out of debt or build a large bankroll. It gives me great joy to know that others have better lives because of the information I have given.

Even though I am going to divulge everything I know about tournament poker in this book, if you don't vow to yourself to become a professional poker player, you probably won't make it. Most people who read this book will skim through it, and some will actually read it, but only a small handful will actually apply it. Stop right now and promise yourself that you will not only read this book, but will study it, like you would any college textbook on a subject you love. Most people don't realize that being a professional poker player takes years of study. I studied poker books for six months before ever playing a hand of poker for real money. I am going to save you that time by putting all the information you need to beat tournament poker in this guide. Commit everything in this book to memory and you will be well on your way to becoming a professional poker player.