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Kill Everyone: Advanced Strategies For No-Limit Hold 'em Poker Tournaments And Sit-n-Go's



Synopsis

Kill Everyone took the poker world by storm when it was first released in 2007. Its perfect blend of real-time experience, poker math, and computational horsepower created new concepts and advanced strategies never before seen in print for multi-table tournaments, Sit-n-Go's, and satellites. In this revised and expanded second edition, Kill Everyone adds even more ammunition to a tournament-poker-player's arsenal. In addition to groundbreaking analysis of fear-and-fold equity and equilibrium, plus the presentation of optimal strategies for the bubble, the end-game, and heads-up play, this second edition adds 50 pages of incisive commentary from the hottest tournament-poker player in the world, Bertrand "ElkY" Grospellier, and a new chapter on short-stack cash games to go with the original discussion of playing in short-handed cash games. With a Foreword by 2006 World Series of Poker champion Joe Hachem, annotations by ElkY, and solid math-based strategies from Lee Nelson, Tysen Streib, Steven Heston, and Mark Vos, Kill Everyone packs more poker brainpower between two covers than any book to come before it.

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Whether you're a beginner or a pro, you'll be able to fine tune your play in many common situations with the detailed charts and hand rankings. Read this book before everyone else does and poker tournaments get a lot tougher. --Andy Bloch, professional poker player
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Lee Nelson's style is opponent-dependent and varies according to table composition, psychological factors, and the meta-game. Lee, a retired doctor, is skilled at picking up tells and exploiting them. Lee is also a prolific poker-book writer, having co-written Kill Phil, Kill Everyone, and The Raiser's Edge. Tysen Streib is a superb poker-math modeler and an expert in applying this math to specific situations that you will encounter, especially when you get short-stacked. Tysen co-authored with Lee Nelson the best-selling tournament poker books Kill Everyone and The Raiser's Edge. Steven Heston is a professor of finance at a prestigious East Coast university who developed option and quantitative-investment models used on Wall Street. He designed the computer models used in Kill Phil and did the optimal departure analysis for Don Schlesinger's Blackjack Attack. Joe Hachem needs no introduction. Having won both the WSOP Main Event and the Bellagio Five Diamond Main Event, Joe is one of poker's top money winners of all time. He's known for making great reads and big folds with uncanny precision. Joe exploits his opponents' weaknesses very well on his way to the final table. Bertrand "ElkY" Grospellier is a 30-year-old French tournament-poker phenomenon. Starting out as one of the world's top-ranked pro StarCraft gamers, he switched to poker and has been climbing the money ladder ever since. ElkY was the first player ever to reach ever to reach "Supernova" and "Supernova Elite" status on PokerStars. In 2008, he won the European Poker Tour's Caribbean Poker Adventure and the World Poker Tour's Festa al Lago Tournament at Bellagio. In 2009, he won the 2009 Caribbean Poker Adventure's \$25,000-buy-in High Roller side event and was named World Poker Tour Player of the Year. Recently, at the European Poker Tour Grand Final in Madrid in May 2011, ElkY won both the \$10,000-buy-in High Roller Turbo, \$25,000-buy-in High-Roller event, and \$25,000-buy-in Scoop Heads-Up tournament, cashing more than a US\$1 million. As of that date, his total live tournament winnings exceeded \$7,500,000.

This book is a great insight into the modern poker game. The author (Lee Nelson) and his team have put together a truly remarkable work that even seasoned players can benefit from. The commentary from Bertrand Grospellier isn't simply a bunch of "I agree" he actually does disagree with Nelson on some points and always provides details on why he either agrees or disagrees. This book will show you how and more importantly WHEN to up your aggression, widen your hand

range, or even lighten up. More geared towards tournament players, even cash gamers can benefit from the knowledge. While the book shows you loose-aggressive play, even players uncomfortable with this style should still read this book to gain insight into how OTHERS are playing. There is also a section towards the end on conditioning and fitness (who woulda thought you needed to be fit to sit on your butt all day) for long tourneys (some events last for 4-5 days playing 8-10 hours a day). Diet and exercise are important for long term mental function and the author lays out a basic guideline to get you started. All in all, definitely worth it to read, you'll make your money back on it.

This is the best book I ever read on tournament poker. It should be taken with grain of salt but overall thinking reader will be able to improve significantly in playing tournaments after applying concepts from this book. Practice is necessary but it shouldn't cost you a lot before you start winning on average.

Very informative and well written, but I will need to read it again to retain more. I would recommend this to others that want to aspire in the poker game.

If you play freeze-out tournaments (Anything else played today?) you'll find this book to be an essential source-book and reference. An understanding of the concepts and examples presented will give any player a better foundation from which to make decisions - and from which to approach the optimum decision at critical points. The discussion of play on the bubble is alone worth much more than the price of the book. For example the authors present analysis of how often you should push as a function of your bubble factor (ratio of equity loss from losing to equity gain from winning the confrontation) and your opponent's calling frequency. Most players know intuitively that you should push more frequently when (a) your bubble factor is greater and (b) your opponent is more likely to call. But a chart showing the results of the calculations gives insight that can't be gotten otherwise. One short section attacks the myth that the big stack should call liberally to knock out small stacks. That discussion alone can make the difference between just finishing in the money and making a big win. If you have ever called or raised a bit loosely to knock out small stacks only to find that you've doubled up one or more and made them into real competition while crippling yourself then this section is must reading. I could continue with examples, but the book is only 348 pages - probably shorter than my examples would be. I do have a single criticism. The authors (properly) use the Independent Chip Model but without fully explaining the assumptions on which it relies. Like most other authors they do explain that it assumes equal skill for all players. However,

they neglect to mention that it also relies on two other assumptions: (1) that all players will receive equivalent hands over the limited time of the tournament, and (2) that play is based on only your hand and statistical behavior of your opponents. If you're in the middle of a tournament, assumption (1) probably doesn't apply for the limited number of hands remaining, and in any given hand other things - tells for lack of a better word - frequently become more important than either of these assumptions. Do yourself a favor and buy this book. But, be prepared to study rather than just read for it contains more, much more, than a list of starting hands and advice to play a tight aggressive game.

I bought this book because I had trouble understanding how many people are playing in the big MTTs nowadays. I had read the first two Harrington books on tournament play, but I felt like the game had changed a lot since the days those books came out. I was puzzled about the way many players were winning lots of chips with mediocre holdings. This book helped me to understand better what was going on in the tables. I can't say that I've become a better player, but I hope that when these concepts sink in I can start to gain some success in the tables. The book has lots of interesting topics like stealing from UTG, calling early raises in position with suited connectors and pushing short stacked with seemingly bad cards. Theories are backed with mathematical equations. In the first reading these things were a little too hard to get a grip, but more studying is required and hopefully these things fall into place too. It's also good idea to read about the tournament play after several years of Harrington's books, because those techniques are so common and everyone knows them so they are losing their power. It doesn't mean they're obsolete but just a little too common and well known that something else might work better at the moment. To me the last part of the book, which is about short handed cash games, is unnecessary. I don't understand why the authors have added that obviously too short section on complex matter which deserves its own book. So if you're playing tournaments and want to develop your skills to more advanced levels you need to know these things. After reading the Harrington books this is a good supplement, because this is newer and goes beyond the basics. I recommend this to everyone playing NLHE tournaments. However, in order to better understand these ideas, it would be good to have some kind of basic understanding of tournament play. Maybe not the first book you should read about MTTs.

This is seriously the best poker book I have run across yet. With a killer layout showcasing commentary from several different great players, this book totally takes the cake. Great shove/ fold

formula for endgame strategy. Very usefull and practical techniques and concepts..I feel like reading it 15 times.

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