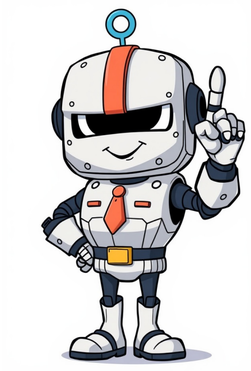
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Losing sight of his cool logic, Gus Hansen becomes "The Madman" at the poker table. Voted one of the world's sexiest men by People Magazine, he is also a skilled athlete and backgammon player. As a poker commentator for both Danish and American TV, Gus brings his expertise to the small screen. ==========Afterthoughts ========== I have personally fiddled with both approaches and my best results definitely stem from the latter. ========== ========== Looking forward to seein everyone at the meeting tomorow and discussin our strategies, I was surprised to find a few familiar faces at my table in the poker tournament. Phil Ivey, Kathy Liebert, and Evelyn Ng were all seated nearby, which wasn't exactly the ideal starting hand for a morning person like myself. However, with one of the world's top male players and two female pros at the table, it was clear that I needed to play my best from the get-go. I had a few questions about Phil's approach, though - is he bringing his A-game or just relaxing after a round of golf? And what kind of side bets would we make? The answers came quickly: Phil's competitive spirit wouldn't be easily swayed, and making side bets was a hobby for both of us. We looked at three types of bets - Last Longer, Must Win, and Cross-Booking - each with its own rules and risks. For example, if I had cross-booked with Phil and he won the tournament, I'd have to pay him an additional $1.2 million in prize money. Needless to say, that wasn't a lucrative experience last year when I tried it out against Sammy Farha and Chip Reese. This time around, we decided to pass on making any side bets, at least for now. As the tournament began, I started off tight but decided to take a chance with a limp in my first hand. Phil followed suit, and we both checked to see how the other would react. With four opponents folding, it was just us two left. The flop came, and while it wasn't anything exciting, I still managed to make a decent play. For my second hand, I decided to tap the table with a stronger hand, hoping to build some chips. It worked out well, as I was able to stay ahead of the blinds. But I couldn't shake the feeling that making side bets could be a fun distraction... for now, at least.I had a straight draw and an 8-high flush draw, which looked good but wasn't much to get excited about. With four opponents at the table, a higher flush draw was likely, not to mention someone could already have made a flush. I checked on the turn, hoping to get a free card and complete my straight-draw, but it didn't go in. The two initial limpers folded, leaving Mr. Sui on the button who over-bet the pot with a 600 bet. The small blind folded and I followed suit, even though calling could be drawing dead with three players left to act. Everyone folded behind me, and Mr. Sui showed 9[??] 4[??], one of the few hands where I wished I had called. Hand 3 started as it often does - with everyone folding to my small blind. I looked down at 78o again and thought about raising, which is more fun than just limping. The next hand was similar, with another limp from Mr. Wong on one off the button. He bet 350 into a pot, but then called another 250 when I called, earning 850. The flop came: [ILLUSTRATION OMITTED] and wasn't really what I wanted. The big blind checked, I checked too, and then the button raised 700 into an 1,100 pot. My hand hit the muck quickly after our big blind announced a raise! I played limpy hands for the next couple of hands until the third time - again two off the button with 6[??] 7[??]. But I decided to only put in $150. The flop came: [ILLUSTRATION OMITTED] and it was a no-hitter. The big blind checked, but my opponent raised it up to 400, so I just mucked my hand since there were not enough cards for me to get anything with my seven high card. I played another limpy hand in the fourth hand - this time Q[??] 9[??]. I opened for $300, hoping to see what kind of hands other people had. My opponent called and we waited for the flop. The flop came: [ILLUSTRATION OMITTED], but my opponent seemed conservative with his play style so it should be easy for me to beat him after a continuation bet on turn. He checked again, and I put in $900 hoping for some luck. Unfortunately he had a much stronger hand, a pair of 9s, that beat mine. In the last hand - my position was BB with only two other players left to act in front of me. My opponent started it by opening up for 300, but I believed she didn't have anything big so I called her raise.I was dealt a miss but Kathy bets out 400, not giving me any information whatsoever. I have to decide which path to take: 1. Folding! A bit premature with a pair and a back-door flush draw. 2. Calling! Reasonable to see what the turn will bring and maybe be able to use my positional advantage. 3. Raising! Last legal and viable option. Knocks out any inferior holding and some superior as well. It also gives me some more information as to where I stand in the hand. I believe it is a close call between options two and three, and as many times before I choose the active route. I raise 900 more but would quickly regret that as Kathy come right back over the top for a total of 4,000. Time to depart with bottom pair. My raise had cost me 900 and a chance to improve, but that's the price you sometimes have to pay when testing the waters. Kathy clearly have the best hand, so no shame in folding. Hand 8 Blinds My Position My Hand My Chip Stack 100/200 SB 5[??] 7[??] 15.65K Status check: End of level 1 and my stack is diminish by 20%! Not that I am really worry though, as I still have a little more than 15,000 left in front of me. The blind are now 100/200. Everybody fold to my SB and I open for 600 with 5[??] 7[??]. I was able to steal Jimmy's blind once before but alas, not this time. Mr. Wong re-raises me an additional 900-a rather small and odd amount! It could be an invitation to call, quite possibly representing a big hand. I almost always respond positively to nice invitations, especially when the odds are so compelling, and this time is no exception. Being up against a potential powerhouse though, my plan is to proceed with caution. I call the 900 and the flop come: [ILLUSTRATION OMITTED] Well, that was a brief party. I have nada, so checking feel right. Jimmy's 2000 bet quickly end the hand, and another 10% of my stack have go missing. Hand 9 Blinds My Position My Hand My Chip Stack 100/200 BB A[??] J[??] 14.15K Dennis Huntly open in third position for 600. Phil Ivey on his left call and I call as well with A[??] J[??] in the big blind. I am not even contemplating a re-raise since I am dealing with two early-position player in a ten-handed game. Although it may sound ludicrous coming from me, folding is probably the second best option. The flop come: [ILLUSTRATION OMITTED] No help, and my hand's justifying power run out. I check, Dennis check, and Phil bet 1,200. You never know with Phil, as he could have any two card. Playing back at him with Ace high and another player behind me is not on today's menu, though. I fold and Mr. Huntly fold behind me. Hand 10 Blinds My Position My Hand My Chip Stack 100/200 1st K[??] Q[??] 13.45K I open for 600 in first position with K?Q?. Everybody fold to Kathy in the big blind, who call another 400. The flop come: [ILLUSTRATION OMITTED] Kathy check and I make a standard continuation bet-700, just over half the pot. She call instantly and the turn is: [ILLUSTRATION OMITTED] Kathy check again and without really think about it I fire the second bullet-1625 into a 2650 pot. Again Kathy call without lot of hesitation. A King or a Queen on the river would be nice. The river come: [ILLUSTRATION OMITTED] ========== Gus Hansen's unconventional approach to poker has garnered him numerous international titles, including five international championships. Dubbed "The Great Dane" and "The Madman," Hansen's unorthodox style allows him to dominate his opponents with calculated precision. In this book, Hansen shares his secrets, revealing the thought process behind each decision and strategy employed during high-stakes tournaments. He win Aussie Millions World Poker Tour tournament where he beat 747 players and get $1.2 million. The book show most hand he play but not every single one. It include a lot of hands that make sense if you know Gus style. If you wonder how he keep track all hand he play, Gus say he leave table and speak into recorder. I no can imagine do this thing because it will change way I think about game flow. Also, you might miss some hand here and there. He book good one and I recommend it. Not for learn secret strategy but for see how tournament go from winner's point of view. Gus say he keep track all hand by leaving table and speaking into recorder. He probably only man alive doing this thing. Book show his thought process and it make interesting read. Gus be honest about his decision making and he no pretend to know everything. I agree with Gus strategy most of the time. I read his description then think what I do, then read his action and surprised find many same reasoning. I no not poker genius but Gus probably better than me. Book teach me to use all-in more in some situations. He say it good play when opponent have low stack. Book make me think about this and I want try it next time. Book also show funny side of Gus. He talk like continuation bet just invented. I no that strategy since I start play poker long time ago. Also, Gus say he only one who doing this thing but maybe not true.Looking forward to seein everyone at the meeting tomorow and discussin our strategies. ========== I must say that I was pleasantly surprised by Gus's account of his tournament win, where he seemed to be playing looser and more aggressively than his opponents. It's almost as if they were playing like total nits, which might have been due to their lack of experience or skill. Two things stood out about Gus's account: Firstly, his opponents were extremely passive, rarely taking the initiative or making aggressive moves. Secondly, they didn't seem to be playing many hands at all. Gus himself was quite open about how he benefited from these factors, stating that his opponents' passivity and limited hand range were major contributors to his win. What struck me as unusual was Gus's tendency to raise pre-flop or bet on the flop with impunity, often leading to a complete collapse by his opponents. It seemed like they just couldn't handle his aggressive playstyle. One thing I did find frustrating about Gus's book, however, is that it doesn't delve too deeply into the thought processes behind his decisions or observations of his opponents' behavior. He mentions getting reads on people based on their demeanors, but doesn't provide much detail on what specifically led him to those conclusions. As someone who often relies on observing subtle changes in a player's behavior, I found this lack of explanation quite puzzling. That being said, Gus's book is still an engaging and informative read, particularly for those interested in his journey from the start of the tournament to the winner's circle. He comes across as likable and relatable, making it easy to root for him despite (or because of) his aggressive playing style.Every Hand Revealed: A Detailed Account of Gus Hansen's Winning Strategies at the 2007 Aussie Millions ==========___ Gus Hansen's 370-page book, published by Citadel Press in 2008, provides an exhaustive account of his remarkable journey to winning the 2007 Aussie Millions tournament. This eight-chapter tome meticulously details each of the 329 hands Hansen played during the event. Gus Hansen's book, "Every Hand Revealed," offers a unique insight into the mind of a poker pro. As a seasoned player with three World Poker Tour open titles and the Aussie Millions main event under his belt, Hansen shares his thought process behind every hand played at the 2007 Aussie Millions. Rather than providing a traditional strategy guide, Hansen delves into the intricacies of tournament play, discussing pot odds and explaining why even top players can make mistakes. Hansen's playing style, often characterized as loose and aggressive, has been both praised and criticized. Some view him as a reckless player who has lost millions in recent years. However, Hansen's approach to poker is not for the faint of heart, and he emphasizes the importance of bankroll management, position, table selection, and reading ability. While some may find Hansen's writing style too conversational or even amateurish at times, his book offers valuable lessons for serious students of the game. He candidly discusses his mistakes, including those that cost him nearly a million chips, and provides an in-depth look at the strategic decisions made during each hand. The editing could have been tighter, with some readers noting excessive exclamation points and minor spelling errors. Nevertheless, "Every Hand Revealed" remains a worthwhile read for anyone looking to improve their poker game. Hansen's commentary is detailed and complex, making it easy to apply his strategies to your own play. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced player, this book offers a fresh perspective on the game and can help you develop your skills in tournament play.Only publshes poker books, and, consdering the niche audience, likely didn't get a lot of editng attntion. My four stars are for Hansen's abilty to teach the reader poker stratgies--these stars do not take into consderation the qulity of the writng (or how Hansen sometimes plays unintentonal accomplice to the misogyny of the sport).Gus Hansen is not a proffesional or skilled writr, but he is a proffesional and skilled poker player, and I apprecaite that he took time to write a book to teach others.April 10, 2017This book is not exacly what I was expecing when I bought it. I thougth "Every Hand Revealed" would be a discusion of a lot of hands and the thought process to go through in decdng whether to bet, call, raise, or fold. It sort of is, but it's basicaly a journal of Hansen's hands over the course of the Aussie Millions tournament, which he won in 2006 or so for a little over a million dollars. He does talk about what he was thinkng in each hand, so there is a lot of insight into his stratgic and tactcal thinking, as well as some poker math, but none of it was new to me from a poker theory standpoint. It was mostly interesting as a glimpse of how a top pro plays.Gus Hansen has a reputaton for being a "maniac," and the first thing you notice is that he wins an awfull lot of pots by basically raising with anything. If his opponents don't have anything, they fold. You only have to get more folds than calls on average for this to be a winning stratgy. I was a little surprsed at how passive his opponents apparently were - you'd think they'd have caught on eventually and started calling or even reraising him.For all that, I was surprsed with his analysis at the end of the book where he showed how many times he was all-in during the tournament. It was fewer times than I thought. He was playing a very loose, aggresive style and made a lot of calls most people would consider loose, but he rarely bluffed (other than those pre-flop raises with any two cards), and usually did not call with nothing, or in the belief that his opponent was bluffing.Not all the hands are interesting, but some are. The most interesting ones were the ones where he made mistakes. Sometimes he even points this out after the fact, that he made a terrible call, or (more rarely) a bad fold. Even pros can make mistakes, and several times he made a move that made me think "I wouldn't have done that," and lo and behold, I was right not to have done that. We tend to think experts play a perfect game. Even in zero-luck games like chess or go, that isn't true, and it certainly isn't true of poker. That's what brings fish to the table, after all - the fact that any beginner can get lucky and stack a better player now and then.Gus's style isn't mine, though he does make me reconsider the value of opening my range and calling and raising more widely pre-flop. He definitely has solid math skills, and doing those calculations at the table is something I need to work on.This book, as a log of one tournament, isn't the most interesting or educational poker book I've read. It probably won't improve your game much, but it does let you play along with a pro and think about his hand and then see what decisions he made.gaming non-fiction owned February 8, 2009Diary of a mad poker player. Gus Hansen documents all 329 hands he played to win the 2007 Aussie Millions. The result is a truckload of amazing insights into how he Gus thinks about the game. He looks like a mad man, but he can do it because he his thinking at the second level if not higher. It's great study of actual hands against actual players with no cherry-picking.Be careful when you read this, it takes effort not to dive in to every pot and adapt Hansen's loose-aggressive style.July 29, 2015This book is different from all the other poker info books. This book actually follows every hand Gus Hansen went through on his way to winning a tournament. Not really going to tell you anything but maybe how to handle the hand he played. still it is almost like a regular story as it unfolds to the the final hand. Good shit. June 20, 2020As described. Great book to see some of the thinking that goes into a high stakes tournament. Excellent review of strategy, I think a very honest perspective.June 9, 2014Gus Hansen is my favourite poker player and in this fascinating book which Gus has painstakingly put together for his fans, we get to see the genuine insideEvery Hand Revealed: A Look Inside Gus Hansen's Poker Mind ========== Gus Hansen's big tournament wins are a fascinating account of his poker decision-making process. The book provides a blow-by-blow account of all the action, showcasing Gus' mathematical reasoning behind his moves. We see him constantly assessing pot-odds and arguing with reason about why certain calls should be made. One intriguing fact from the book is how often Gus picks up pots despite playing aggressively and holding weak hands. His reliance on continuation betting and raising almost anything preflop leaves players baffled. It's surprising that more opponents don't stand up to him, especially considering nine out of ten players have better holdings than him. Gus Hansen is a poker enigma, and this book is both readable and enjoyable. The hand-for-hand format makes the tournament days easy to follow, and Gus' poker philosophies are woven nicely with fun observations. I was thrilled to see him finally win the $1.5 million cash prize. While other poker books by experienced professionals are valuable, Every Hand Revealed stands out as a professional at work. If you're into poker and Gus Hansen, this book is a must-read. Although it's not the best book for learning fundamentals or advanced play, it offers practical advice on how to apply theoretical concepts in real-life situations. What makes this book unique is its humble and honest approach. Hansen presents great reasons for selecting alternative plays and explains his moods and thought process behind making calls and folds. This book doesn't claim to hold the secret to becoming a winning player but provides valuable insights into Gus' decision-making process. Hansen's writing style is distinctive, which sets it apart from other non-fiction books in the genre. It feels genuine, and I believe this book wasn't ghostwritten like many celebrity books are. Hansen's approach isn't for everyone, as he plays a very aggressive game. However, his reasoning is well-explained, offering potential tricks to incorporate into your own play. Overall, Every Hand Revealed is an excellent choice for poker enthusiasts, particularly those interested in Gus Hansen's unique style and strategy. ========== Gus' writing style can be overwhelming, often relying too heavily on exclamation marks and smiley faces. This self-published feel is jarring, and a second edition with quick edits would greatly improve the book's credibility. However, the refreshing approach to outlining strategies was a welcome change. This book is an adventure story of Gus' journey to winning a major tournament. The tone is light, making it an easy read, like following an exciting tale rather than studying poker strategy. Gus' humor and logical explanations make it palatable for those interested in swapping poker stories. While the book focuses on tournament play, which may not be suitable for casual players, it's still enjoyable for poker enthusiasts. Gus has struggled with his game since then, particularly in cash games, where opponents often don't care about going all-in. This strategy is limited. Despite this, Gus remains one of the greats, and he could easily beat 95% of players playing like a maniac. The book is a fun read, offering insight into Gus' aggressive style and his surprising sense of humor, especially when he criticizes himself for mistakes or recounts impressive wins. For non-poker players, this book may not be engaging, but serious enthusiasts will appreciate the in-depth analysis and theories on strategy, math, odds, psychology, tells, and overall poker tactics. This is a must-read for anyone interested in tournament play, as it provides valuable heuristics for working out when to make calls. Gus' approach to playing tournament poker is unique, emphasizing the importance of cost-benefit analysis for bluffing, calling, or going all-in. His moderately tight gameplay sets him apart from his "loose" image at the table. This book offers practical suggestions for optimizing poker performance, making it a valuable resource for serious players. The writing style, however, may not be to everyone's taste. Some readers might find Gus' enthusiasm and use of exclamation marks off-putting. Nevertheless, the book is well-written and engaging, making it easy to finish in a short amount of time. Overall, this is a compelling read for any poker enthusiast, providing invaluable insights into the mind of a master player.This book provides an unvarnished look at the author's thought process, detailing every hand played during a significant tournament. By recounting each hand, the author sheds light on the decision-making process that guides their actions. The text offers readers a unique glimpse into the strategic considerations and mental calculations involved in high-stakes poker. The author's narrative is infused with humor and humility, making the text an engaging and entertaining read. Rather than simply presenting a collection of winning hands, the author shares insights into their thought process, discussing the factors that influence their decisions. One of the standout features of this book is its accessibility. The author's writing style is clear and concise, making it easy for readers to follow along and understand the concepts being discussed. For those interested in improving their own poker game, this book offers a wealth of information. By studying the author's thought process and strategic decisions, readers can gain a deeper understanding of the game and develop their own skills. Overall, this book is a must-read for anyone interested in poker. Whether you're a seasoned pro or just starting out, the author's insights and anecdotes make for a compelling and informative read. The text effectively conveys the author's expertise and experience, providing readers with a comprehensive understanding of the game. The writing style is engaging, and the author's use of humor and anecdotes makes the text an enjoyable read. This book is highly recommended for anyone looking to improve their poker game or simply interested in the game. It offers a unique glimpse into the world of high-stakes poker and the thought process of a skilled player. The author's ability to balance humor and insight makes this book a standout in the world of poker literature. It is a must-read for anyone interested in the game, offering a wealth of information and insights that can help readers improve their own skills.he was running like a wildfire here.I have a lot of respect for Gus, but this book is not for new players because he plays extremely aggressively, which can lead to very high volatility.Reads like 1 - 30 of 91 reviewsGet help and learn more about the design.