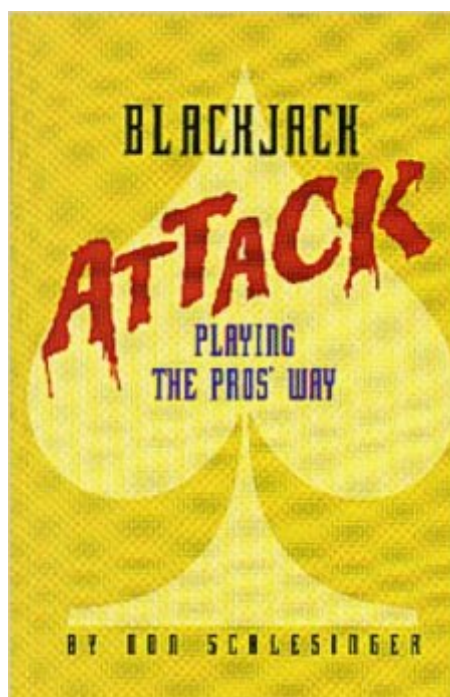


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Blackjack Attack: Playing The Pros' Way



Synopsis

The most important book available to blackjack aficionados since *Beat the Dealer* by Ed Thorp, *Blackjack Attack* has been praised by every prominent blackjack expert. In it, Schlesinger answers virtually all of the thorny mathematical questions that have puzzled serious players for years: optimal betting, camouflage, risk analysis, team play, systems comparison, and much more. With twice as much material as its predecessor, this third edition contains new studies bound to intrigue even the most knowledgeable pro, including a complete reexamination of the late Peter Griffin's work, and the publication of the most accurate basic strategy and effects of removal charts ever devised. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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I've bought several good books on blackjack (*The World's Greatest Blackjack Book*, *Best Blackjack*, *Blackjack a Winner's Guide*, *Professional Blackjack*, *Beat the Dealer*, *Theory of Blackjack*, *Burning the Tables on Vegas*, *Blackjack Attack*) and the two best are *Burning the Tables in Vegas* (BTV) and *Blackjack Attack* (BJA). In BTV it covers counting along with the entire lifestyle and behavior needed to prosper in the casino playing blackjack. In BJA Mr. Schlesinger covers every significant detail relating to the modern game. His famous "Illustrious 18" play variations gives the beginning player 90+ % of the advantage available though card counting in one very simple package. Throughout the book he uses several other blackjack authorities (some are authors of the above mentioned books) to verify his findings on many of the finer points of the game. This book assumes you already know how to card count using the most popular basic card counting system in use

today, Hi-lo. This system is covered comprehensively in most of the other books forementioned. PEace

There is much mathematical theory on blackjack. I have read pretty much all the major books on blackjack, and read most all its theory. The problem with some blackjack books is that it's based on bad mathematical theory. The problem with most of the other books is that it discusses the theory and math behind which a winning foundation can be built, but leaves the implementation of that theory at the casino table up to you. Some writers do a passable job at addressing the application of blackjack mathematics at a blackjack table. Some leave you on your own to guess a lot of it. But to date, I have seen only one author, in one book, who crosses both realms perfectly with an uncanny gift to pick out what's relevant, dismiss what's not, and then apply that knowledge to answer virtually every important question that can be asked about blackjack. This is the book. This is not a basic blackjack book. It assumes you already have one of those, already know a count, and wish to put it to work in the most effective manner possible. If you fall into this category, this is the book you've been waiting for all these years.

This is a graduate course on winning at blackjack, not a basic primer. The author is extremely creative in applying elementary probability theory to the tough practical questions that confront counters on a daily basis. This should probably not be your first book on blackjack - but if you plan to give the casinos a run for their money, you **MUST** study this book.

I was stunned when I read some of the negative reviews. It was apparent that some of those individuals were looking for a "winning system." This book doesn't provide you with some magical counting system. Rather, the author discusses the nuances of card counting. Don't expect to learn "which system is best." You won't. (Different methods play better with different rule variations.) But, you will learn how to think about the game. I used a counting method before I read this book. I still use the same one. But my approach to the game has changed. For example, at one time I dismissed the importance of deck penetration. No longer. Also, I didn't think that the dealer standing on soft 17 would make that much difference over hitting on soft 17. Wrong. So, although I use the same counting method, my game selection has changed considerably. I didn't learn to count because of this book. But I **AM** a better player because of this book. And that's because of how I now select my games, not because this book supplied some magical counting system.

This is not a book in the traditional sense; it's really largely an anthology of Schlesinger's "Gospel" articles from Blackjack Forum magazine, dating back to the 1980s. Because of this, it's somewhat lacking in integrated cohesiveness, but it's a very valuable resource, nonetheless. Schlesinger covers most of the statistical aspects of Blackjack in a clear, concise and accurate fashion. In addition, Chapter 10, which is primarily the work of Schlesinger's collaborator, John Auston, is all-new and presents some very comprehensive game-selection and risk-of-ruin charts. All in all, an excellent and very useful resource for serious players.

Blackjack Attack is an excellent book, and has been very well received by a most critical audience -- visitors to BJ21.com, the busiest blackjack web site. The material in the book can be valuable to you if you learn to count cards to win at blackjack in casinos. Stanford Wong

This book had more research put into it than all off John Patrick and Frank Scoblete's books combined. I notice in some other reviews that some people find this book too hard a read and wonder if BJ is really that complicated. Yes, it is, and if you want the answers, here they are. If you don't then this book is not for you. Playing BJ At a basic level and playing with a full understanding you can come to have from reading this book is and understanding this book is like the difference between a G.E.D. and a masters from Harvard. There are few easy answers in BJ. This book answers the hard ones for you. If you want to feel like BJ is an easy game, by all means, pick up any of patrick's books, or any book that says you can win without counting in today's game.

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