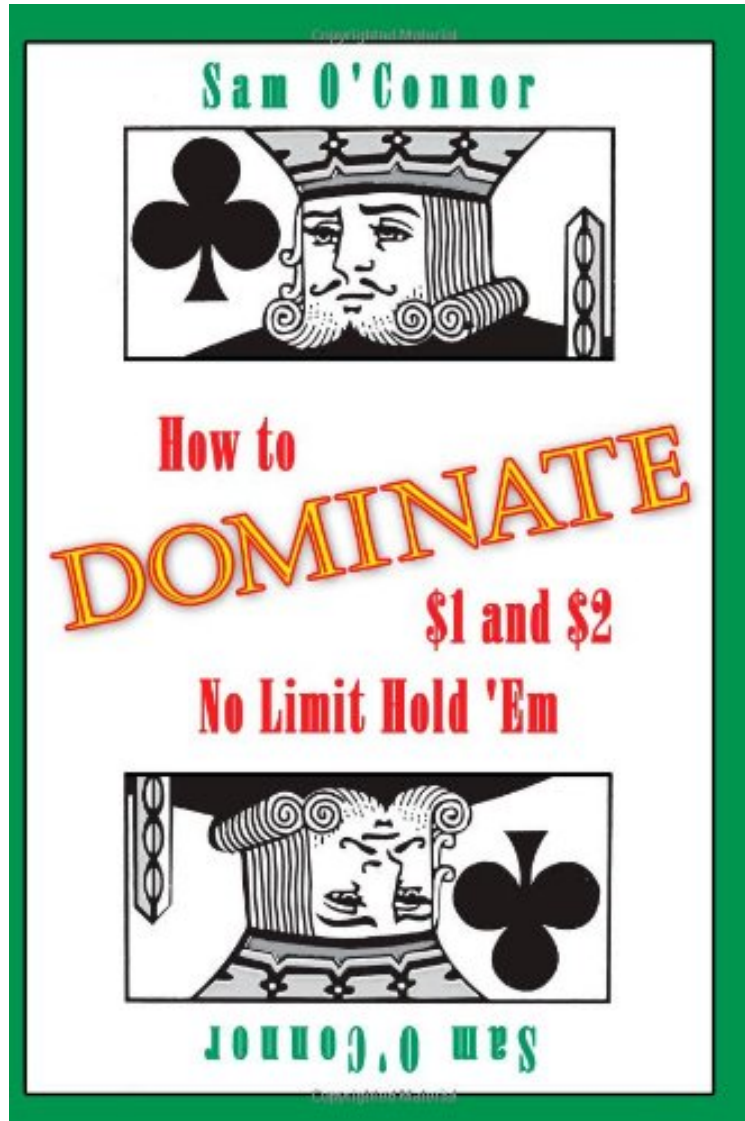


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Losing strategyBy jeffncThis book is part poker strategy, and part fiction writing. The impression I get is that Mr. O'Connor would like to be a writer, but doesn't quite have the chops to write a full novel or anything like that. I found it kind of charming, and in reading I get a sense of who he is, and I kind of like the guy. Or at least I get the feeling I'd find him likable if he were sitting at my table. And that's the only reason this gets 2 stars instead of 1. Some people might disagree with the inclusion of stories here, and find them just getting

in the way, or not like his style of writing. I guess that comes down to personal preference. But at the end of the day, this is a book of strategy, and the advice in it is simply bad. Sure, it's great to get hands like AK and QQ and play them aggressively. But what if you're not getting many of those hands right now? The author actually suggests getting up and leaving and coming back another day, when you can dominate with strong cards! I mean, I'm sorry, but the only people who might think this is good strategy are those who haven't read anything else and don't have much experience (or at least not much experience with long term winning play.) It's not possible to explain every way in which this strategy is bad in a concise way. The only thing I can recommend you do is read a lot of other recommended poker books, play a lot, and you'll finally come to realize that a lot of this book is just nonsense. Some of it is fine, but why not get other books where almost all of it is fine?

8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Not recommended

By David Nicoson I find the machismo in the text mismatched with the extremely tight tight style the author is advocating. His opponents aren't going to feel dominated; they're going to forget he's there. Regardless, the metaphor is stretched. Poker is not war or a struggle in a pack society. It's been my experience that 1/2 players typically pay off too much, so basing our strategy on forcing incorrect folds is an uphill battle. The author suggests we avoid loose games, but frankly I think they're the most common and the most profitable. There are some games that we should walk away from, but we should aspire to have some flexibility in strategy. That is, we should adapt our strategy to exploit our opponents' vulnerabilities. There's not nearly as much content as the page count would imply due to a liberal use of copy-and-paste. Ever fourth page there's a new chapter with the same introductory quotation. The preflop hand ranking chart appears several times in its entirety. I do not recommend this book. Stick with Pot-Limit No-Limit Poker.

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A Very Good NLHE Book

By S. Valenti I've read several books on No Limit Hold 'Em, and I think this is a real good one. The book stresses that poker is a people game, and that to win consistently you must play aggressively, and use that aggression in the right spots. The book also covers the overall GAME (and not just hands) in a way no other book does. The book is not really a "system" of play, or even a "strategy," but, rather is a philosophy of how to play. It has been said over and over again in poker books that a fixed strategy is not a good strategy, because the other players may catch on to your fixed strategy and defeat it. This is especially true of NLHE. So what to do? One good answer is to have a flexible approach to the game which emphasizes the people element. With a quick perusal of the table of contents, you might think that the book proposes a fixed strategy. Yes, there are basic default plays which are suggested, but in the second half of the book the author gets into adjusting those basic plays and "playing the players." Any good NLHE book needs to discuss the overall game and not just hands. This is the only book I know of which does that. Issues discussed include the handling of chips (or "checks"), deciding when to leave the game, and whether to play at all that day. Interspersed throughout the book are anecdotal stories which are fun to read. The author was a poker dealer himself in Vegas in the sixties, so he is full of delightful information about the goings-on back then. I enjoy Mr. O'Connor's style; it's like he is sitting right there with you giving you poker lessons. The book proposes an aggressive philosophy of play which is not for the faint of heart. Of course the book cannot guarantee that you'll be a winner at NLHE (no book can). And even the winners don't win every time. But if you study the book and apply some of your own intelligence and talent to the game, you'll have some great tools to help you be a winner.

How to Dominate \$1 and \$2 No Limit Hold 'Em by Sam O'Connor is over 400 pages of tutorials, graphics and stories. Sam ably defines the thin line between winning and losing the cash game. By understanding the cards and the people who play them, Sam demonstrates the secrets of the winning side of no limit hold 'em, secrets the famous pros don't tell you. Along with the learning, enjoy the many stories and anecdotes. Acquire the book for the instruction; keep it for the entertainment.