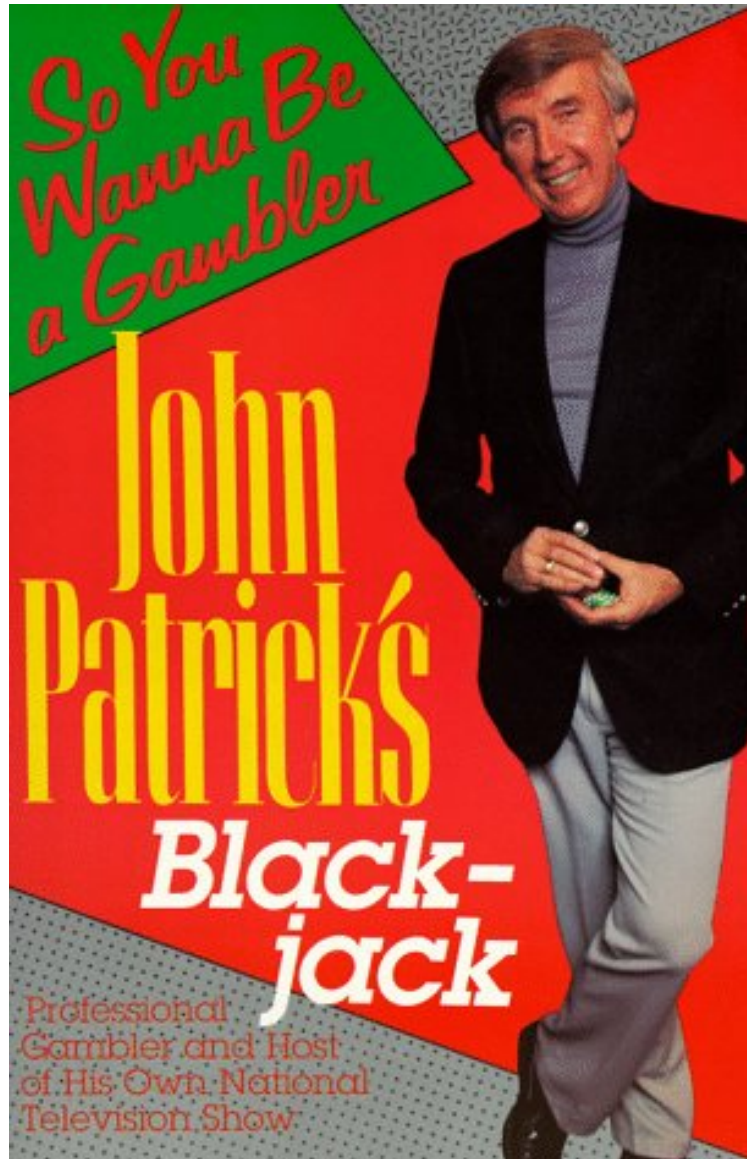


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**John Patrick : John Patrick's Blackjack: So You Wanna Be a Gambler'** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised John Patrick's Blackjack: So You Wanna Be a Gambler':

2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. So you want to Win?By M.L.That should be the title of this book. John Patrick writes from his experience and seeing and playing millions of hands of blackjack, not sitting behind a computer. His Big 4 approach is right on and can be applied to anything you gamble on. This book is fun to read, simple, and easy to apply. Anyone who has played blackjack and sat at a real table with real money will quickly

appreciate his methods. I have played, watched and tested many of his theories advising against the "book" and he is right on. For 95% of blackjack players, following the advice of this book religiously will save you from losing a ton of money and will actually give you a chance to win. His Basic Craps book is excellent as well. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By SlimJim John Patrick knows blackjack 5 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Excellent advice in one area By A Customer By chance, this was the first book I ever bought when I decided to learn how to play blackjack. Some 15 books and four years later, it is still the book I recommend friends read first when they come to me for advice on how to improve their game. Sure, Patrick's basic strategy is in error. Still, it's not a bad strategy to start out with. I didn't win in the long run with it, but I had some very good days. As a beginner, I definitely lost less in those sessions and days when I was getting killed and didn't know enough to recognize it. Eventually you'll want to learn and adopt the true basic strategy, available in virtually any other reputable blackjack book. Of course Patrick's counting system (taught in his follow-up book, Advanced Blackjack) is creaky and nebulous compared to most medium-level systems that are just as easy to learn. Read Best Blackjack by Frank Scoblete, start with the Hi-Lo count taught there, then advance into the better systems. I still contend that this book stands alone as the best on the topics of discipline and money management, and I consider myself lucky to have read this one first. Patrick's concepts on win goals, loss limits, pocketing profit and playing the excess are extremely valuable to any and all blackjack players, but especially to those just starting out. Any time I find myself losing and ultimately playing poorly, it is Patrick's money management rules I am breaking. No single blackjack book teaches you everything. Read as many as you can, because most of them will give you a little something. Patrick's books will give you a solid money management approach to use as a starting point. As you get better you'll vary it, but you'll know when and why. Pay attention, too when Patrick writes on the topic of discipline. No one tells it better or more accurately. This year (1998), my fourth year of playing, I will finish the year with a tidy little profit, for a \$5-table player. I credit Patrick's writings for some of that.

John Patrick is a veteran Gambling Game Player and Winner. In this book he lays out the basics of how you can also win at several gambling games including this game called Blackjack. He knows you will need to learn the basics first.