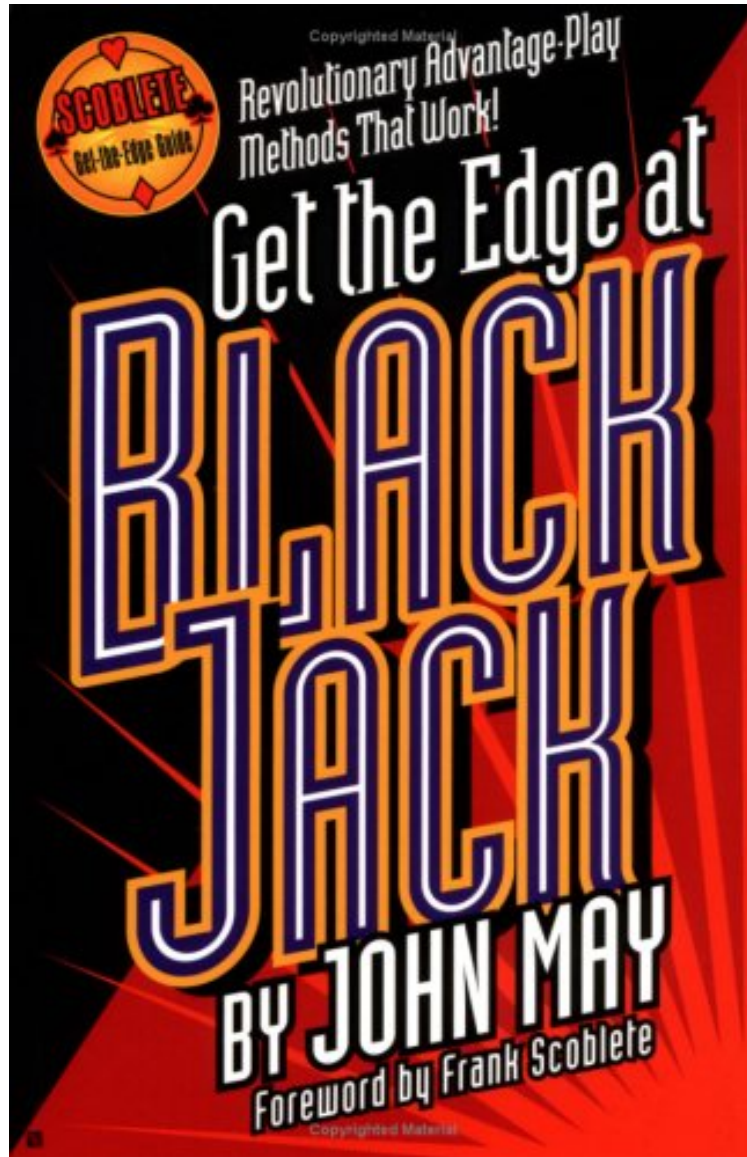


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knows first hand what they are talking about. The author is an actual player who has been involved with many facets of the game for many years. Buy this one, you won't be sorry!!!0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Cheap enough.By Darrell W. KlineThere are no magic rules to the game. Follow the basic strategies, and you'll stand the best chance of winning. But, the odds are always with the house. The cards fall how they fall. Invest in Real Estate (houses) instead.31 of 31 people found the following review helpful. Not for everyoneBy Robert LeRoy ParkerThe biggest problem with John May's "Get the Edge at Blackjack," is the introduction by Frank Scoblete. "The book you are holding is a blackjack nuclear bomb," is how it starts, and the hype increases from there. One is left with the impression that by merely applying a few of the techniques in the book, the casinos will become veritable ATM machines. Naturally this is not the case, and the reader is left feeling vaguely let down. Which is a shame, because there is much to like here. There are indeed techniques that have heretofore received little or no publicity, and much that is of use to the serious blackjack player.Another nitpick: Scoblete's intro further states, "There is information in [the book] that has never appeared in print in a mainstream book and there is some information that has never appeared anywhere except in the secret world inhabited by a handful of elite professional blackjack players." Well, I'm flattered. While none of the material may have ever appeared in a paper and ink book before, blackjack aficionados who have visited the Green Baize Vampire (May's alter ego) website and/or May's Card Counter Cafe may find that much of it has a familiar ring. This is not inherently a bad thing - after all, much of Don Schlesinger's "Blackjack Attack" was previously published in issues of Arnold Snyder's "Blackjack Forum" magazine. Still, I certainly have never considered myself an "elite professional blackjack player."Oddly, (considering that this is supposed to be a collection of advanced techniques) the book starts with a brief summary of the rules of blackjack, followed by a recap of basic strategy. Next is an introduction to card counting, including a brief description of the Hi-Lo count.Then we have a system comparison chart that is sure to spark some controversy. It shows both the Knockout count and Arnold Snyder's Red 7 count as being marginally superior to the time-honored Hi-Lo in all three areas: betting correlation, playing efficiency, and insurance correlation. To further complicate things, May provides no information as to how he arrived at these figures (what game, rules, etc.).The first section of the book is concluded with a brief discussion of multi-parameter counts, and May's thoughts on cover and camouflage. I like this quote: "While the expert card counter plays blackjack against the dealer, he plays poker against the pit; that is, his play is geared toward the intelligence of the pit personnel." Indeed.By this point the veteran player is likely chomping at the bit: "When do we get to the good stuff?" Part II carries the enticing title: "Advantage-Play Techniques - How to Become a Casino's Worst Nightmare!"What follows is indeed "good stuff." Card Steering, Card Sequencing, and Shadow Play are described in detail. How much to bet when your first card is known (as a result of these techniques) is discussed. This has already caused some controversy on blackjack websites, as May recommends betting 40% of one's entire bankroll if it is known that one's first card will be an ace.Oddly, we get a couple of anecdotes regarding blackjack legend Lawrence Revere, author of "Playing Blackjack as a Business." While Revere was a colorful character, and these are most interesting, they seem a bit out of place.Other advanced techniques covered include Hole Card Play, Glim Play, and Stacker Play.The much-hyped section on beating continuous shuffle machines is more a series of suggestions than a tried and proven method. The problem is that more needs to be known about the inner workings of these infernal contraptions. However, it is reassuring to know that someone is working on ways to beat these things.There is a description of a betting progression, of sorts, that sims indicate is effective. It's not what you think.Many of these techniques may be of little use to the casual player. Some require extensive practice, and several require team play in order to really be effective. Others require situations (sloppy dealer, etc) that rarely occur.However, any military expert will agree that merely because a particular weapon is not used very often does not mean that it should not be carried. The blackjack pro or serious part-timer needs to have a variety of "weapons" at his/her disposal. You may not know that you're going to be dealt an ace very often, but when it happens, you'd better be ready.The book concludes with a chapter on Internet casinos. At first I questioned the inclusion of this, but found it to be an interesting summary. I have no interest in exploiting this form of blackjack, but if I ever change my mind, the basics are here.Bottom line: Definitely not for the beginner, and of limited usefulness to the recreational player, Get the Edge at Blackjack is nonetheless a worthy addition to my blackjack library. I would recommend it to anyone serious about making money at blackjack.

This book is a blackjack nuclear bomb. There is information in it that has never appeared anywhere except in the secret world inhabited by a handful of elite professional blackjack players. Learn real strategies that not only the casinos don't want you to know, but that many of the greatest blackjack players would prefer to keep all to themselves.