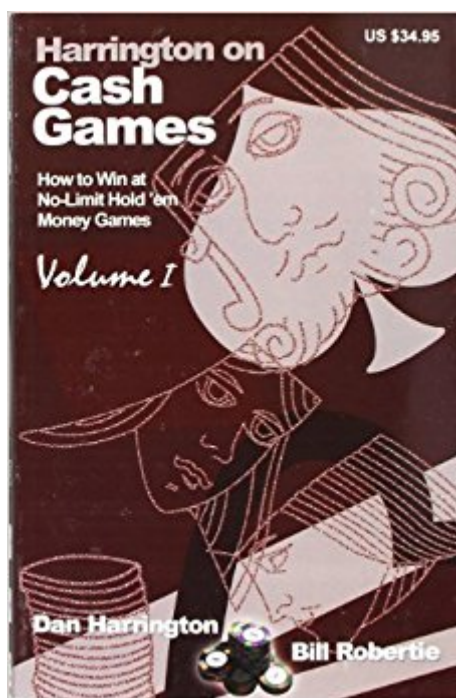


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# Harrington On Cash Games: How To Win At No-Limit Hold'em Money Games, Vol. 1



## Synopsis

The first years of the poker boom were fueled by the interest in no-limit hold em tournaments. Recently, however, players have been gravitating to another, even more complex form of hold em no-limit cash games. In *Harrington on Cash Games: Volume I*, Dan Harrington teaches you the key concepts that drive deep-stack cash game play. You'll learn how to tailor your selection of starting hands to your stack size, how to recognize the increasing deception value of supposedly weaker hands as the stack sizes increase, and how to use the concept of pot commitment to your advantage as the size of the pot grows. After laying out the general concepts behind deep-stack cash game play, Harrington shows you a complete strategy for post-flop play, and then teaches you the difference between post-flop play against a single opponent and post-flop play against multiple opponents. If you play no-limit hold em cash games, you need to read this book. Dan Harrington won the gold bracelet and the World Champion title at the \$10,000 buy-in No-Limit Hold em Championship at the 1995 World Series of Poker. And he was the only player to make the final table in 2003 (field of 839) and 2004 (field of 2,576) considered by cognoscenti to be the greatest accomplishment in WSOP history. In *Harrington on Cash Games*, Harrington and two-time World Backgammon Champion Bill Robertie have written the definitive books on no-limit cash games. These books will teach you what you need to know to be a winner in the cash game world.

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## Customer Reviews

Dan Harrington began playing poker professionally in 1982. On the circuit he is known as Action Dan, an ironic reference to his solid but effective style. He has won several major no-limit hold em

tournaments including the European Poker Championships (1995), the \$2,500 No-Limit Hold em event at the 1995 World Series of Poker, and the Four Queens No-Limit Hold em Championship (1996). Dan began his serious games-playing with chess, where he quickly became a master and one of the strongest players in the New England area. In 1972 he won the Massachusetts Chess Championship, ahead of most of the top players in the area. In 1976 he started playing backgammon, a game which he also quickly mastered. He was soon one of the top money players in the Boston area, and in 1981 he won the World Cup of backgammon in Washington D.C., ahead of a field that included most of the world's top players. He first played in the \$10,000 No-Limit Hold em Championship Event of the World Series of Poker in 1987. He has played in the championship a total of 15 times and has reached the final table in four of those tournaments, an amazing record. Besides winning the World Championship in 1995, he finished sixth in 1987, third in 2003, and fourth in 2004. In 2006 he finished second at the Doyle Brunson North American Championships at the Bellagio, while in 2007 he won the Legends of Poker tournament at the Bicycle Club. He is widely recognized as one of the greatest and most respected no-limit hold em players, as well as a feared opponent in both no-limit and limit hold em side games. He lives in Santa Monica where he is a partner in Anchor Loans, a real estate business. Bill Robertie has spent his life playing and writing about chess, backgammon, and now poker. He began playing chess as a boy, inspired by Bobby Fischer's feats on the international chess scene. While attending Harvard as an undergraduate, he became a chess master and helped the Harvard chess team win several intercollegiate titles. After graduation, he won a number of chess tournaments, including the United States Championship at speed chess in 1970. He also established a reputation at blindfold chess, giving exhibitions on as many as eight boards simultaneously. In 1976 he switched from chess to backgammon, becoming one of the top players in the world. His major titles include the World Championship in Monte Carlo in 1983 and 1987, the Black & White Championship in Boston in 1979, the Las Vegas tournaments in 1980 and 2001, the Bahamas Pro-Am in 1993, and the Istanbul World Open in 1994. He has written several well-regarded backgammon books, the most noted of which are *Advanced Backgammon* (1991), a two-volume collection of 400 problems, and *Modern Backgammon* (2002), a new look at the underlying theory of the game. He has also written a set of three books for the beginning player: *Backgammon for Winners* (1994), *Backgammon for Serious Players* (1995), and *501 Essential Backgammon Problems* (1997). From 1991 to 1998 he edited the magazine *Inside Backgammon* with Kent Goulding. He owns a publishing company, the Gammon Press, and lives in Arlington, Massachusetts with his wife Patrice.

They say that 'luck is the residue of preparation'. This is especially true when it comes playing poker. So, plan to get very lucky after you read Dan Harrington's 2 volumes on cash game no limit hold'em. I've been a limit player for 20 years. Recently, I decided to devote myself to no limit because of the greater profit in these games. From my general knowledge, I knew that there were significant strategy differences in correct strategy for no limit so I read a couple of books. However, these books didn't really help very much. Then I got Harrington's books and it was like someone had turned on a light in a dark room. It made a world of difference in my game. I 'get it' now. To put some perspective on this, I'm playing in a \$2/\$3 blind no limit game with a \$200 cap on the buyin, in a brick and mortar poker room. I mention this because some of the reviews of these books have criticized them for being too basic. However, if you're playing in a small game, basic strategy is probably the BEST strategy. In the second volume, there is a chapter about playing in small no limit games. I recommend you jump ahead and read it first. Keeping this chapter in mind as you read everything else will really give you a great perspective on how to beat a small no limit game. With respect to beating the bigger games, I really don't know if these books will help because I'm not playing in those games yet. But if you are new to no limit, or you are just having trouble beating the small game you're playing in, these books are great.

I have been playing cash games for almost 40 years and have read a lot of books. After reading Cash Games I applied some of Harrington concepts in my games and seen an improvement. Of all the books I have read about poker and gaming I would rate this as on of the top 5. I plan on rereading the book and study it closer now that I am believer in most of his strategies. The only reason I did not give it 5 stars is I would like to seen a whole chapter on what you do for the hours between the time you can play a hand. He discusses it some in most chapters, but since you spend most of your time not playing a hand I would like to see more details about the dead time. I would recommend this book to anybody who want to improve there game.

One of the best if not the best book that I have read in poker. It is important to know the difference between cash games and tournaments. The books is very easy to read and gives great examples. I highly recommend this book, it is woth your investment. I look forward on buying the volumen 2 and

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great book for beginners and intermediate players who need a refresher on fundamentals,granted the book is a bit dated but most of the concepts in the book still apply to the game today.Keep in

mind no one reads a book and becomes a champion the next day it takes years of dedication practice and whether you like it or not some luck too ,but this book is a great read and must have for any true grinders poker library. also strongly recommend any and all of phil gordons little books.

Sometimes in Poker it doesn't matter what you do or what you read.....the cards just won't cooperate. No one book will make you a better player, but Dan Harrington provides some solid foundations of understanding to help you survive this lifelong poker session we play.

No, this book won't offer a lot for intermediate or advanced players. But then again, it wasn't intended to. Dan Harrington's series is for beginners; an introduction to the world of playing No Limit Hold 'Em cash games (a very different animal from online play). The analysis that Harrington offers (from the perspective of various players' positions), is second-to-none in terms of usability. If you're here and wondering if it's worth it, do yourself a favor and at least pick up the first book in the series. You won't be disappointed.

Very good instructional book. Lots of example hands with reasons for why to play a certain way in different positions. Designed for the intermediate player who wants to get better. Doesn't suggest memorization....instead suggests thinking and reasoning. I learned a lot. Have just started studying the sequel....Volume II

This book has great information for advanced players. Most books spend too much time with basic strategy and explaining terms even novices know. Not this book. This book helps with bet sizing, pot commitment, how to read hands and how to randomize your hands. There are also a lot of great sample hands. This book will help your game and also help you see what and why other people are doing what they are doing. This is by far the best cash game book I have read.

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