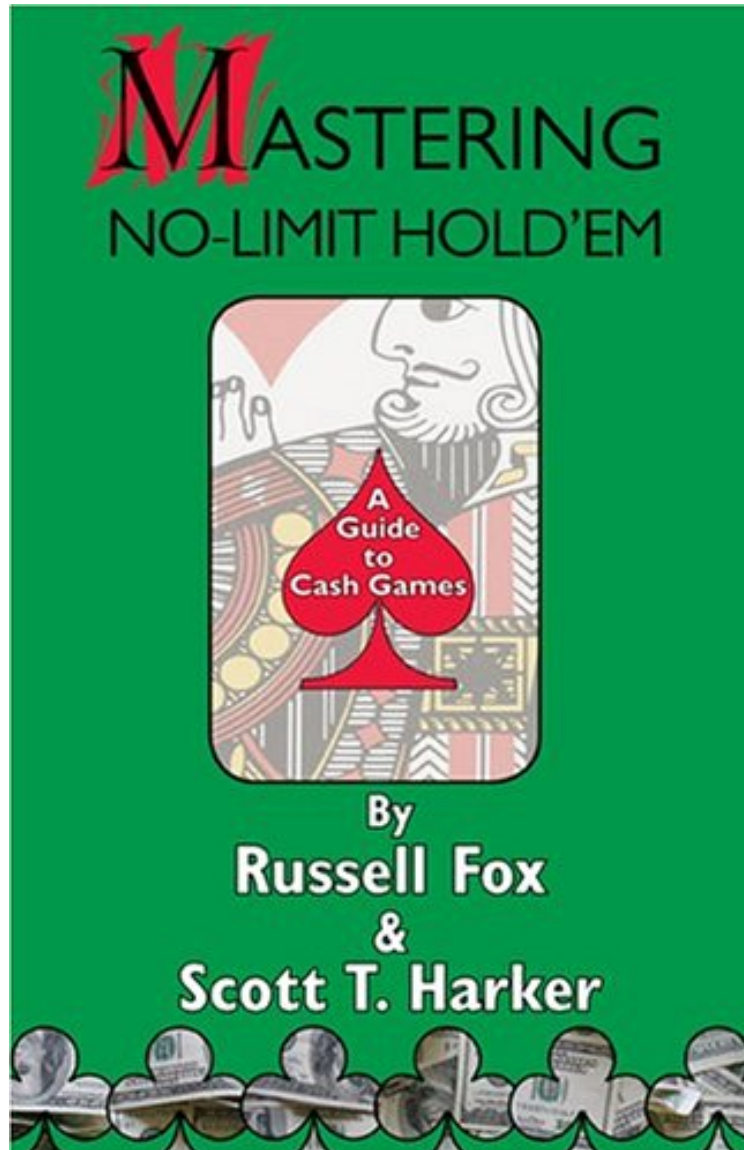


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**Russell Fox, Scott T Harker : Mastering No-Limit Hold'em** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mastering No-Limit Hold'em:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Good book, but not for expertsBy luadhasThis book does exactly what it sets out to do. It gives no-limit novices- not poker novices, The book assumes that the readers are familiar with poker- a good introduction into no limit holdem. The emphasis is on smaller, fixed buy in, games.The book doesn't go very deeply into every subject, but it touches on all the important ones, and definitely those that new no limit players

need to consider. My only criticism is that the writing isn't the most user friendly, but (being honest) I've only read the book once so far, and the subject is not simple. It's worth getting. 11 of 13 people found the following review helpful. Greatly Needed. By Bernard Chapin This book really fits into a void within the poker literature because there are a million books about limit and no limit tournaments but a scare few address no limit cash games. The irony is that NL ring games are the types in which most of us play. What Fox and Harker do in these pages is discuss various elements and strategies necessary for play in the 10, 25, 50, 100, and 200 dollar NL games. However, it obviously won't help you deal with Juanda and Matusow at NL 10,000 because the authors' views are fairly conservative. The tactics showcased here are not ones that are going to appeal to loose-aggressive players. Theirs is a tighter game which becomes classically aggressive in moments of strength. Appendix A contains a play-by-play analysis of an 8 hour NL session at the Bicycle Casino in Los Angeles. By offering this, readers get an opportunity to "sweat out" a game with the authors which is an absolutely wonderful idea. It really allows you an opportunity to plug up some of the leaks in your own game by seeing the right and wrong way to do things. Personally, I'd give anything for Dan Harrington to provide us with a 400 pages sweat-now that would be worth about \$500. Anyway, the real live play example was helpful and I'd like to see more authors make use of this technique. Overall, this shouldn't be the first book you buy on No Limit, especially since Ed Miller will be coming out with one in a month or so, but Fox and Harker have given us something valuable, so, if you're having any trouble in the small to mid-range NL games, this one's a must read. 8 of 10 people found the following review helpful. middle of the road... By J. Rubino This is a fairly straightforward book for no limit; however it is a niche book. This book discusses the small buy-in no limit cash games found mostly in the LA clubs and Las Vegas casinos. While I think it provides an adequate overview for these specific games it is short on the underlying theory of no limit holdem and almost completely void of the psychology which is the main thrust of no limit holdem. The book is for the casual to intermediate player who wants to play at these smaller games. My main complaints are that there is much basic material that is more common sense than anything and the authors never take you to a place of elevating your game. If you are still learning the basics and don't understand things like position and how to read holdem flops it may be okay but personally I didn't feel I got much value out of it. Do an honest assessment of your own game-if you would consider yourself a beginner or struggling intermediate player you will learn enough to make the read worthwhile otherwise it is very middle of the road and you might find better value in "Super System" or "Harrington on Holdem". While "Harrington on Holdem" is written to be a tournament no limit book most players will find tremendous value learning from a truly great player like Harrington and you will learn underlying theory of no limit holdem that can be applied to cash or tournament games.

Because of television, the game of choice for most new poker players is no-limit Hold'em. This has led to changes in the game. With so many players trying to emulate their TV heroes, they tend to play too many weak hands, call too many bets with marginal to poor holdings, and try to make too many big bluffs. Today's skilled player must learn to adapt to these changes in this complex game. This book covers all aspects of the smaller, fixed buy-in, no-limit hold'em games from understanding your opponents to learning about pot odds. Included are topics seldom written about such as finding the proper amount to bet, how to manage your mental game, bankroll considerations, and how to beat the rake. Also introduced is The Matrix Theory: a unique tool for understanding just what hands you should play and how they should be played depending on a matrix of considerations few think about. If you are looking for the most comprehensive guide to fixed buy-in cash games, you need this book!

About the Author Russell Fox began playing poker while in college at Berkeley but did not begin to take the game seriously until 1999. Then, while living in Seattle with free time, he began to play in the local cardrooms and tournaments. Almost immediately he became a winning player, and he has not had a losing year to date. He has had numerous final table appearances, including winning the 2001 BARGE no-limit holdem championship. You can usually find Russ playing no-limit holdem in one of the Southern California cardrooms. Scott T. Harker has also been playing poker since college. Poker became an outlet for his competitive juices. He began playing poker seriously to supplement his income while living in Las Vegas. Today Scott plays mainly online poker, in low-to-middle-limit and no-limit holdem cash games. Scott has been a successful winning cash game player since 1999.