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rather join the author in the winners' club?

**Forever Craps** John Wiley & Sons

When it comes to gambling, there's no better game to beat the odds—and win big—than blackjack. But there's more to it than just doubling down. You will learn about the mysterious—and surprisingly legal—skill of card counting, casino etiquette, single vs. team play, tournament play, variation games, online games, and more. In this concise but complete manual, blackjack expert Tom Hagen and author Sonia Weiss deal out information on: Complete rules for blackjack as well as variation games (like Double Exposure and Blackjack Switch) Basic and complex strategies (including surrendering, entering early, and insurance) Tricks for understanding odds and probability (such as how early surrender gives players close to a .60 percent advantage over the house) Forget Lady Luck. This guide gives you the advantage, skill, and confidence needed to beat the house every time—and cash in!

Basic Gambling Mathematics Simon and Schuster

Maximize your odds on the casino floor Casinos are designed for distraction, so it helps to know a bit about when the odds are in your favor and when they're not before you push a stack of chips onto a table. Professional blackjack player Kevin Blackwood and lifelong sports bettor Swain Scheps know a thing or two about casino gambling. In *Casino Gambling For Dummies*, these seasoned gaming veterans guide you through the essential strategies for walking out of the casino ahead of the game. They also show you the most common mistakes made by players, helping you avoid gambling risks while you enjoy what the gaming industry has to offer. Learn to see past the flashing lights, decide how much you're willing to wager, and find out how to enjoy yourself. In this book, you'll also discover: Step-by-step

walkthroughs of casino etiquette and the rules of common casino games, including poker and blackjack Explanations of video poker and slots and ways to avoid losing more than you're comfortable with Explorations of online gambling, so you can enjoy the fun of a casino from the comfort of your home The perfect guide for anyone looking for an easy introduction to the world of casino gaming, *Casino Gambling For Dummies* is also an essential resource for those seeking to improve their odds at blackjack, craps, video poker, slots, and other games.

**The Doctrine of Chances** Oxford University Press

For most people, the game of blackjack provides excitement and entertainment—and somewhat erratic results. Although we may know the basic rules and even a few strategies, most of us still manage to lose our stakes time and again. Now, gambling columnist and blackjack expert Mike “Bootlegger” Turner has written the perfect guide to help the average player turn the tables. *Bootlegger's 200 Proof Blackjack* begins by explaining the basics of blackjack. It then analyzes the most effective strategies for increasing your odds of winning. Included are discussions of money management for strategic and advantage play, tips for avoiding common pitfalls, a unique section on using the casinos' promotional money to play, and simple instructions on the best card-counting system for novice counters. Easy-to-follow tables and card hands illustrate strategies. And each book includes a pocket-sized “Quick-Reference Guide” that you can use at the tables.

*The House Advantage* Springer Science & Business Media

In this full-color guide, author and gambling expert Peter Svoboda reveals the casinos' best-kept secrets and helps you increase the odds of winning when playing the most popular games of chance.

The AI Advantage John Wiley & Sons

With insightful writing, up-to-date reviews of major attractions, and a lot of “local” knowledge, *The Unofficial Guide to Las Vegas* has it all. Compiled and written by a team of experienced researchers whose work has been cited by such diverse sources as USA Today and Operations Research Forum, *The Unofficial Guide to Las Vegas* digs deeper and offers more than can any single author. This is the only guide that explains how Las Vegas works and how to use that knowledge to make every minute and every dollar of your time there count. With advice that is direct, prescriptive, and detailed, it takes out the guesswork. Eclipsing

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*The Puzzlewright Guide to Casino Gambling* Simon and Schuster  
Understand the Math Underlying Some of Your Favorite Gambling Games  
*Basic Gambling Mathematics: The Numbers Behind the Neon* explains the mathematics involved in analyzing games of chance, including casino games, horse racing, and lotteries. The book helps readers understand the mathematical reasons why some gambling games are better for the player

**Casino Craps** John Wiley & Sons

As part of the notorious MIT Team depicted in Ben Mezrich's now classic *Bringing Down the House*, Jeff Ma used math and statistics to master the game of blackjack and reap handsome rewards at casinos. Years later, Ma has inspired not only a bestselling novel and hit movie, but has also started three different companies—the latest of which, Citizen Sports, is an innovative marriage of sports, betting, and digital technology—and launched a successful corporate speaking career. *The House Advantage* reveals Ma's cutting-edge mathematical insights into the world of statistics and makes them applicable to a wide business audience. He argues that numbers are the key to analyzing nearly everything in the world of business, from how to spot and profit from global market inefficiencies to having multiple backup plans in anticipation of every probability. Ma's stories and business lessons are as intriguing as they are universally applicable.

Casino Management in Integrated Resorts Bonus Books, Inc.

With an emphasis on mathematical thinking and problem solving, *Mathematics in Games, Sports, and Gambling — The Games People Play* shows how discrete probability, statistics, and elementary discrete mathematics are used in games, sports, and gambling situations. It draws on numerous examples, questions, and problems to explain the application of mathematical theory to various real-life games. Only requiring high school algebra, the text offers flexibility in choosing what material to cover in a basic

mathematics course. It covers permutations in the two-deck matching game so derangements can be counted, introduces graphs to find matches when looking at extensions of the five-card trick, and studies lexicographic orderings and ideas of encoding for card tricks. The text also explores linear equations and weighted equations in the section on the NFL passer rating formula and presents graphing to show how data can be compared or displayed. For each topic, the author includes exercises based on real games and sports data.

*Bootlegger's 200 Proof Blackjack* Sterling Publishing Company, Inc.

*A Real Professional Gambler* By: Edward Kraus  
*A Real Professional Gambler* shows how author Edward Kraus discovered mathematical ratios and computations circumscribing advantages of how one overcomes the Las Vegas odds. There are ways to finally hedge set losing percentages that have had the gaming industry taking an unfair advantage from the average gambler, seeking the quest to becoming more than a failure or perhaps defined as a loser in today's society. Nobody can beat the standard odds of the casinos and betting establishments seen today. This book goes beyond this proven mathematical data or calculated proclamation, reaching out in exploring into another dimension of hedging mathematical known entities as we know them.

**A New Shooter Has the Dice** The Unofficial Guides

In casino gambling there's a house advantage built into every game. John Grochowski shows you how to beat that advantage and increase your winning odds in three of the most popular casino games (blackjack, video poker, and roulette).

**Casino Craps** eBook Partnership

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*Secrets of Winning Roulette* St. Martin's Press

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*Casino Gambling For Dummies* Simon and Schuster

The Handbook of Portfolio Mathematics "For the serious investor, trader, or money manager, this book takes a rewarding look into modern portfolio theory. Vince introduces a leverage-space portfolio model, tweaks it for the drawdown probability, and delivers a superior model. He even provides equations to maximize returns for a chosen level of risk. So if you're serious about making money in today's markets, buy this book. Read it. Profit from it." —Thomas N. Bulkowski, author, *Encyclopedia of Chart Patterns* "This is an important book. Though traders routinely speak of their 'edge' in the marketplace and ways of

handling 'risk,' few can define and measure these accurately. In this book, Ralph Vince takes readers step by step through an understanding of the mathematical foundations of trading, significantly extending his earlier work and breaking important new ground. His lucid writing style and liberal use of practical examples make this book must reading." —Brett N. Steenbarger, PhD, author, *The Psychology of Trading and Enhancing Trader Performance* "Ralph Vince is one of the world's foremost authorities on quantitative portfolio analysis. In this masterly contribution, Ralph builds on his early pioneering findings to address the real-world concerns of money managers in the trenches—how to systematically maximize gains in relation to risk." —Nelson Freeburg, Editor, *Formula Research* "Gambling and investing may make strange bedfellows in the eyes of many, but not Ralph Vince, who once again demonstrates that an open mind is the investor's most valuable asset. What does bet sizing have to do with investing? The answer to that question and many more lie inside this iconoclastic work. Want to make the most of your investing skills Open this book." —John Bollinger, CFA, CMT, [www.BollingerBands.com](http://www.BollingerBands.com)

**Beating the Casinos at Their Own Game** Simon and Schuster Providing a sensible, objective, consumer's guide to travel, these easy-to-use travel handbooks provide useful evaluations of local hotels, attractions and restaurants in all price ranges; honest advice on local attractions that are worth the time and money; detailed maps; tips on special events and festivals; and extensive information on local shopping, sports, nightlife and other activities. Original.

*The Unofficial Guide to Las Vegas 2020* iUniverse

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*Elementary Statistics: A step by step approach 9e* Square One Publishers, Inc.

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**Mensa Guide to Casino Gambling** John Wiley & Sons

Have you ever noticed that you talk about luck every day of your life? Luck is your silent companion, sometimes bringing awesome parking spaces, a chance meeting with a new love interest, or a small windfall. Most of the time you probably don't even pay attention to luck. Chances are, you only really think about luck when you buy a lottery ticket or participate in a contest. Luck is so much more than that. If you take steps to live longer by eating right and exercising, why wouldn't you also take similar steps to improve your good fortune? Barrie Dolnick and Anthony Davidson asked themselves this very question, and set out to study luck and decipher how it works. In this insightful and engaging book, they share the secrets they've uncovered so you can use luck more effectively in your day-to-day life. Where does luck originate? Does one need to be "born lucky" in order to be lucky? Answering these and many other pressing questions, Dolnick and Davidson investigate both ancient and scientific approaches to luck. From early man to famous rationalists, luck has been prayed for, played with, and courted. You'll learn how ancient practices such as the I Ching, astrology, tarot, and numerology have been used to understand luck, and how great mathematicians studied luck—some guided by their own interest in gambling. Every one wants to be lucky. Once you know the fundamentals of luck, the authors take you through your own Personal Luck Profile so that you can use this wisdom and try your luck. People do a lot of weird things to improve their luck—and now you can make smart choices and informed decisions about how to play with yours.

**Verbal Advantage** Square One Publishers, Inc.

The #1 national bestseller, now a major motion picture, 21—the amazing inside story about a gambling ring of M.I.T. students who beat the system in Vegas—and lived to tell how. Robin Hood meets the Rat Pack when the best and the brightest of M.I.T.'s

math students and engineers take up blackjack under the guidance of an eccentric mastermind. Their small blackjack club develops from an experiment in counting cards on M.I.T.'s

campus into a ring of card savants with a system for playing large and winning big. In less than two years they take some of the world's most sophisticated casinos for more than three million dollars. But their success also brings with it the formidable ire of

casino owners and launches them into the seedy underworld of corporate Vegas with its private investigators and other violent heavies.