

Contemporary Casino Table Game Design A Practical Guide To Casino Table Game Design Development And Selection For Casino Management And Game Developers

Casino Management in Integrated Resorts introduces students to the changing nature of casino businesses within the framework of an integrated resort or hospitality organisation. In the new integrated casino model, casinos play an important role not only in revenue generation but in supporting the other amenities in the resort, including bars, restaurants, hotels and theme parks. This book brings readers up to speed with the challenges of managing a casino within this rapidly expanding gaming–leisure–tourism industry. It covers a range of essential topics, such as the basic psychology of casino gaming, the role and history of casinos within an integrated resort, staffing, floor design, table and slot game management, control and security, marketing and social impact. Written in an accessible style, this book is suitable for readers with no prior knowledge of, or experience in, casino operations. It will be an essential introductory yet comprehensive resource for all those undertaking casino management courses. Gaming applications are rapidly expanding into the realm of education. Game-based education creates an active and enjoyable learning environment, especially for children and young adults who regularly use gaming for recreational purposes. Due to the evolving nature of education, gaming provides a transformative learning experience for diverse students. The Handbook of Research on Gaming Trends in P-12 Education provides current research intended to aid educators, school administrators, and game developers in teaching today's youth in a technology-immersive society. This publication melds together gaming for entertainment purposes as well as gaming applied within educational settings with an emphasis on P-12 classrooms. Featuring exhaustive coverage on topics relating to virtual reality, game design, immersive learning, distance learning through 3D environments as well as best practices for gaming implementation in real-world settings, this handbook of research is an essential addition to the reference collection of international academic libraries.

When you become the poker prize, all bets are off... Jade Frost thought she was going on a date with her boyfriend--not to his poker game. She really didn't expect that weasel to throw her in the pot. Then he had the nerve to lose. Talk about the perfect excuse for Jade to make him her ex-boyfriend. She wasn't quick enough, though. Before she knows it, a frat boy wins the hand--and her. Shep Prescott is extremely handsome and richer than sin, but he doesn't own her. It was just a game, after all. No matter how disinterested she acts, no matter how rudely she rejects his advances, he keeps coming back. Maybe even more than before. He could have anything he wants, but she's the only prize he's after. When she finds herself starting to fall for him, Jade's confused. There's more to Shep than the carefree player he shows the world. So is he ready to win her for real, or will she call his bluff? **Due to mature situations and language, recommended for readers 17 and older** Book 1 in the new adult/contemporary romance series THE RULES.

In this volume, people of diverse backgrounds talk about tabletop games, game culture, and the intersection of games with learning, theater, and other forms. Some have chosen to write about their design process, others about games they admire, others about the culture of tabletop games and their fans. The results are various and individual, but all cast some light on what is a multivarious and fascinating set of game styles.

Basic Gambling Mathematics

A Practical Guide to Casino Table Game Design, Development and Selection for Casino Management and Game Developers

Fodor's Las Vegas

Toxic Masculinity, Casino Capitalism, and America's Favorite Card Game

Studies in History and Interpretation

Games Without Frontiers?

Modern Poker Theory is a comprehensive, rigorous guide to the most important aspects of No-Limit Hold'em. It is based around an in-depth examination of what is meant by game theory optimal play (GTO) and how it can be applied at the table. Understanding GTO is fundamental to being able to make accurate poker decisions and being able to exploit players who don't. Modern Poker Theory uses modern poker tools to develop a systematic approach to the analysis of GTO. It organizes the ideas and concepts in an intuitive manner that is totally focused to practical applications. Next time you are at a table some of the players will have studied Modern Poker Theory and some won't. The players who have studied Modern Poker Theory will, without doubt, have a better

theoretical and practical understanding of No-Limit Hold'em. They will be the favourites in the game. Make sure you are one of them. Michael Acevedo, one of the world's leading poker theorists, is a game theory expert who is renowned for creating cutting-edge content for the world's leading players. The production of Modern Poker Theory is the culmination of many thousands of hours of his research work with the most advanced poker software tools available. It is poker theory for the 21st century.

Fully revised and updated Scottish Civic Government Licensing Law, 3rd Edition is a handy guide to this area of licensing law. This book provides a detailed narrative introduction, and a full copy of the consolidated Act along with practical section-by-section annotated commentary guiding you through the law.

Time Out Las Vegas is the only crib sheet travelers need to the world's most outlandish city. Whether going for a short or extended visit, this guide is an invaluable companion through the neon maze that awaits in Las Vegas. With the lowdown on all the hotels and casinos, money-saving tips, extensive restaurant reviews, hints on the hottest nightlife, and a full guide to gambling, it leaves nothing to chance. This seventh edition proves that there is more to Sin City than just sequins and slots – the dramatic expansion in hotel accommodations, fine dining, and shopping is attracting tourists from every economic strata, not just those with gambling as their sole agenda. The guide contains a detailed explanation of what games are available in the casinos, as well as tips on how to play them. There is also a chapter on suggested side trips to Hoover Dam, as well as other sights in Nevada and Arizona.

Earn comps and avoid big losses Bet wisely, beat the house, and bring home the bucks! Crazy about casinos, but worried about losing your shirt? Relax! This hands-on guide is filled with insider secrets and tips for maximizing winnings and minimizing losses in the most popular casino games --blackjack, poker, craps, roulette, slots, and more. You get the scoop on everything from game rules and jargon to making the best bets (and knowing when to quit). Discover how to * Understand the odds * Develop winning strategies * Avoid gimmicks and bad bets * Manage your money effectively * Gamble on the Internet * Deal with the IRS

Socio-historical Perspectives at the Gaming/Gambling Intersection

Gambling Cultures

Casino Table Games Managers in Their Own Words

Addiction by Design

The Comprehensive Guide to More than 350 Games

How I Turned the Odds Upside Down---My Wild Twenty-Five-Year Ride Ripping Off the World's Casinos

Just 25 years ago, blackjack, craps, roulette and baccarat were the mainstay of casino table games. With Caribbean Stud®, Let it Ride®, Three Card Poker® and the Texas Hold'em boom starting in 2002, the landscape of the casino has been dramatically transformed. New table games, bonuses, progressives and side bets are flooding the market. Today almost every casino offers a wide selection of proprietary table games. Contemporary Casino Table Game Design was written to fill the information gap between game developers, casino management and players. For developers, this book offers a thorough explanation of the principles of game design. For management, it explains the essential information necessary to the game selection process. For players, it gives insights into what's going on behind the curtain. This book is a comprehensive and informative guide to a fascinating and elusive subject. Contemporary Casino Table Game Design includes chapters on: • Table game and gambling mathematics • Principles of table game design and development • Card counting, hole carding, and other advantage play • Gambling mythology • Professional perspectives from industry insiders • Game descriptions for popular and new table games

Complete recipes spread across 15 chapters to help you overcome commonly faced issues by Python for everybody across the globe. Each recipe takes a problem-solution approach to resolve for effective Python. Key Features Develop expressive and effective Python programs Best practices and common idioms through carefully explained recipes Discover new ways to apply Python for data-focused development Make use of Python's optional type annotations Book Description Python is the preferred choice of developers, engineers, data scientists, and hobbyists everywhere. It is a great language that can power your applications and provide great speed, safety, and scalability. It can be used for simple scripting or sophisticated web applications. By exposing Python as a series of simple recipes, this book gives you insight into specific language features in a particular context. Having a tangible context helps make the language or a given standard library feature easier to understand. This book comes with 133 recipes on the latest version of Python 3.8. The recipes will benefit everyone, from beginners just starting out with Python to experts. You'll not only learn Python programming concepts but also how to build complex applications. The recipes will touch upon all necessary Python concepts related to data structures, object oriented programming, functional programming, and statistical programming. You will get acquainted with the nuances of Python syntax and how to effectively take advantage of it. By the end of this Python book, you will be equipped with knowledge of testing, web services, configuration, and application integration tips and tricks. You will be armed with the knowledge of how to create applications with flexible logging, powerful configuration, command-line options, automated unit tests, and good documentation. What you will learn See the intricate details of the Python syntax and how to use it to your advantage Improve your coding with Python readability through functions Manipulate data effectively using built-in data structures Get acquainted with advanced programming techniques in Python Equip yourself with functional and statistical programming features Write proper tests to be sure a program works as advertised Integrate application software using Python Who this book is for The Python book is for web developers, programmers, enterprise programmers, engineers, and big data scientists. If you are a beginner, this book will get you started. If you are experienced, it will expand your knowledge base. A basic knowledge of programming would help.

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 than others. It is also suitable as a textbook for an introductory course on probability. Along with discussing the mathematics of well-known casino games, the author examines game variations that have been proposed or used in actual casinos. Numerous examples illustrate the mathematical ideas in a range of casino games while end-of-chapter exercises go beyond routine calculations to give readers hands-on experience with casino-related computations. The book begins with a brief historical introduction and mathematical preliminaries before developing the essential results and applications of elementary probability, including the

important idea of mathematical expectation. The author then addresses probability questions arising from a variety of games, including roulette, craps, baccarat, blackjack, Caribbean stud poker, Royal Roulette, and sic bo. The final chapter explores the mathematics behind "get rich quick" schemes, such as the martingale and the Iron Cross, and shows how simple mathematics uncovers the flaws in these systems.

Classic and comprehensive, this guide to over 350 games is sure to appeal to all ages. From Bridge to Poker and Solitaire to Hearts, card games are a beloved source of entertainment and competition (and they are recession proof!). This authoritative book is ideal for every household, college dorm, family cabin, or neighborhood bar that has a pack of cards. Designed in the style of the popular Ultimate Bar Book, this essential resource provides the rules to dozens of variations of your favorite games, and a few you've probably never heard of (Bezique, anyone?). With simple instructions and clear illustrations to guide the way, this volume will be a welcome addition to any gamer's library.

An Encyclopedia of Mechanisms

Modern Blackjack Second Edition

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Building Blocks of Tabletop Game Design

Modern Poker Theory

Mathematics of Casino Carnival Games

Mathematics is the basis of casino games, which are the bedrock of a \$100 billion/year industry. Mathematics of the Big Four Casino Table Games: Blackjack, Baccarat, Craps, & Roulette takes an in-depth look at the four biggest table games in casinos: blackjack, baccarat, craps, and roulette. It guides readers through the mathematical principles that underpin these games and their different variations, providing insights that will be of huge interest to gamblers, casino managers, researchers, and students of mathematics. Features A valuable teaching resource, replete with exercises, for any course on gambling mathematics Suitable for a wide audience of professionals, researchers, and students Many practical applications for the gambling industry Mark Bollman is Professor of Mathematics and chair of the Department of Mathematics & Computer Science at Albion College in Albion, Michigan, and has taught 116 different courses in his career. Among these courses is "Mathematics of the Gaming Industry," where mathematics majors carefully study the math behind games of chance and travel to Las Vegas, Nevada, in order to compare theory and practice. He has also taken those ideas into Albion's Honors Program in "Great Issues in Humanities: Perspectives on Gambling," which considers gambling from literary, philosophical, and historical points of view as well as mathematically. Mark has also authored Basic Gambling Mathematics: The Numbers Behind the Neon, Mathematics of Keno and Lotteries, and Mathematics of Casino Carnival Games.

There are thousands of books relating to poker, blackjack, roulette and baccarat, including strategy guides, statistical analysis, psychological studies, and much more. However, there are no books on Pell, Rouleno, Street Dice, and many other games that have had a short life in casinos! While this is understandable — most casino gamblers have not heard of these games, and no one is currently playing them — their absence from published works means that some interesting mathematics and gaming history are at risk of being lost forever. Table games other than baccarat, blackjack, craps, and roulette are called carnival games, as a nod to their origin in actual traveling or seasonal carnivals. Mathematics of Casino Carnival Games is a focused look at these games and the mathematics at their foundation. Features • Exercises, with solutions, are included for readers who wish to practice the ideas presented • Suitable for a general audience with an interest in the mathematics of gambling and games • Goes beyond providing practical 'tips' for gamblers, and explores the mathematical principles that underpin gambling games

Lonely Planet's Western USA is your most up-to-date advice on what to see and skip, and what hidden discoveries await you. Spot grizzlies in Yellowstone, wander neighbourhoods in San Francisco, and take a road trip along the iconic Pacific Coast- all with your trusted travel companion.

A leading inventor and collector of games, Sid Sackson is also an expert on game history. For this highly entertaining volume, the self-proclaimed "game addict" has selected over 60 popular games from around the world. A brief but fascinating introductory chapter to the history of card playing is followed by a valuable glossary of terms associated with this popular pastime. Additional chapters supply instructions, detailed illustrations, and an abundance of clear examples for playing such intriguing diversions as Sampan, Kowah, Kabu, Cha Kau Tsz' and Khanhoo from Asia; Skat, Blackjack, Old Maid, Fan Tan, Eights, Klondike, La Belle Loucie, Accordion, and Hearts from Europe; Whist, Blackout, Cribbage, Spoil Five, and Casino from the British Isles; Pif Paf, Samba, Bolivia, and Canasta from Latin America; and Poker, Pinochle, Contract Bridge, Rummy, and Oklahoma Gin from the United States. Most games can be played by children or adults with a common deck of 52 playing cards (a few will need additional cards from a second deck).

The Casino, Card and Betting Game Reader

Stripping Las Vegas

Hotel & Restaurant Design No.2 INTL

Indian Gaming

Lonely Planet Western USA

Communities, Cultures and Play

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 your chips. 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 pros 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 pitfalls. 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: S 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 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: An essential resource for those seeking to improve their odds at blackjack, craps, video poker, slots, and other games.

The Insider's Guide To Playing—And Winning—Like A Pro! Some say gambling is a "tough way to make an easy living". . .but that's only if you let Lady Luck determine your fate. Victor is more than fifty casino reports, and his trade secrets and step-by-step techniques will enhance your gaming and fatten your bankroll. This fully updated, comprehensive guide contains before-revealed strategies for Baccarat, Mini-Baccarat, Roulette, Let It Ride, Pai Gow Poker, Casino Liver Poker (Texas Hold 'Em and Seven-Card Stud), Casino War, Progressive Caribbean

games like Double Down Stud, Three Card Poker, Caribbean Draw, and Super Nines. Discover: Why Baccarat and Mini-Baccarat are among the most lucrative—and underplayed—games offer the highest short-term profits When—and when not—to Let It Ride Crucial differences between European and American Roulette Tips for selecting your high and low hands in offer the best variations and payouts on each game The importance of seat selection in Let It Ride and Caribbean Stud Guidelines for calculating your optimum bankroll And much, away a winner? This is the book for you! 89,500 Words

In American Roulette, Richard Marcus tells his never-before-heard story, of ripping off casinos. The book follows Marcus, along with several of the world's great professional casinos Las Vegas to London and Monte Carlo, pilfering large sums of money from casinos by performing sleight of hand magic tricks with gaming chips. As skilled cheaters, they back up their setups to convince pit bosses that they're watching legitimate high rollers getting lucky, while in fact they're being ripped off blind. With the exploding growth of casino gambling, reservation and riverboat expansion, more and more elaborate casino cheaters are illegally assaulting the green-felt, getting rich off of novice casino personnel. Richard Marcus's in the hidden world of intriguing personalities and tense situations he encounters as a member of expert casino-cheating teams who use their wits to turn the odds upside down and Roulette is a fascinating story not only for those who occasionally casino-gamble, but for everyone with a little larceny in their heart.

This open access book focuses on how and why digital games and gambling are increasingly intertwined and asks “does this matter?” Looking at how “loot boxes” became the post gambling and gaming, Wardle traces how we got here. She argues that the intersection between gambling and gaming cultures has a long lineage, one that can be traced back through also incorporates more recent trends like the poker boom of the 1990s, the development of social media gambling products and the development of skin betting markets. Underpin which facilitated new ways to bet, trade and play, the intersection between gaming and gambling cultures and products has accelerated within the last decade – and shows little s explores what this means for our understanding of risk, how gaming and gambling entities use each other for commercial advantage, and crucially explores what young people think recommendations for action.

Casino Gambling

For Fun and Profit

133 recipes to develop flawless and expressive programs in Python 3.8, 2nd Edition

Handbook of Research on Gaming Trends in P-12 Education

Building Type Basics for Hospitality Facilities

Publisher description

Hotel Design, Planning and Development presents the most significant hotels developed internationally in the last ten years so that you can be well-informed of recent trends. The book outlines essential planning and design considerations based on the latest data, supported by technical information and illustrations, including original plans, so you can really study what works. The authors provide analysis and theory to support each of the major trends they present, highlighting how the designer's work fits into the industry's development as a whole. Extensive case studies demonstrate how a successful new concept is developed. Hotel Design, Planning and Development gives you a thorough overview of this important and fast-growing sector of the hospitality industry. Stories are everywhere around us, from the ads on TV or music video clips to the more sophisticated stories told by books or movies. Everything comes wrapped in a story, and the means employed to weave the narrative thread are just as important as the story itself. In this context, there is a need to understand the role storytelling plays in contemporary society, which has changed drastically in recent decades. Modern global society is no longer exclusively dominated by the time-tested narrative media such as literature or films because new media such as videogames or social platforms have changed the way we understand, create, and replicate stories. The Handbook of Research on Contemporary Storytelling Methods Across New Media and Disciplines is a comprehensive reference book that provides the relevant theoretical framework that concerns storytelling in modern society, as well as the newest and most varied analyses and case studies in the field. The chapters of this extensive volume follow the construction and interpretation of stories across a plethora of contemporary media and disciplines. By bringing together radical forms of storytelling in traditional disciplines and methods of telling stories across newer media, this book intersects themes that include interactive storytelling and narrative theory across advertisements, social media, and knowledge-sharing platforms, among others. It is targeted towards professionals, researchers, and students working or studying in the fields of narratology, literature, media studies, marketing and communication, anthropology, religion, or film studies. Moreover, for interested executives and entrepreneurs or prospective influencers, the chapters dedicated to marketing and social media may also provide insights into both the theoretical and the practical aspects of harnessing the power of storytelling in order to create a cohesive and impactful online image.

Traces the development of the modern casino, looks at casinos around the world, and discusses influential people in the world of gambling

A Contextual Review of Casino Resort Architecture

Fair Game

Analog Game Design

Paratextuality in Contemporary Board Games

Blackjack, Baccarat, Craps, & Roulette

Casino Management in Integrated Resorts

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SURVIVE THE CASINO AND HAVE FUN! Casino gambling is the fastest growth industry in the U.S. As more and more states enact legalized gambling regulations in the pursuit of tax revenue, so there are more and more gamblers that are lured to casinos for entertainment and the chance to win big bucks. About 99 percent of gamblers lose money in the long run, unfortunately, and some become so addicted to gambling that they lose their homes, cars, friends and sometimes families. Dr. Crowder takes a look at the casino milieu, dangers and temptations lurking there, personality and emotional differences that impact gambling behavior, the effects of alcohol and prescribed and street drugs on gambling, how slot machines work, and the odds of winning and losing at available games. This is primarily a "How To" book: How to keep from losing your shirt, How to avoid crime and cheating, How to get your share of the billion or so dollars casinos give to gamblers each year, and How to play the most generous casino games.

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Card Games Around the World

Mathematics of The Big Four Casino Table Games

Tales from the Pit

American Roulette

Jurisdictional Comparisons

Handbook of Research on Contemporary Storytelling Methods Across New Media and Disciplines

HOTEL & RESTAURANT DESIGN NO. 2 showcases the most current, inspirational design solutions gathered from 36 leading architecture/design firms and features over 160 international projects in the hotel, resort, spa, theater and restaurant fields. It has become increasingly obvious that people have come to expect a certain level of excellence when they dine out on vacation, or travel for business. Additionally, travel and leisure activity consume more and more of an increasingly sophisticated public's time. HOTEL & RESTAURANT DESIGN NO. 2 illustrates how architects and designers have met these needs and time constraints. The design solutions featured in this volume are organized alphabetically by design firm with all projects in easy reference. This volume is an inspiration and a necessity to any professional engaged in the many forms of hospitality and restaurant design.

Dealing in a casino presents challenges and rewards not seen in many workplaces. With hundreds of thousands of dollars at stake every minute, table games pits are high-stress work. Managing a workforce of dealers and attending to the needs of players brings stresses of its own. In 2015, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas's Center for Gaming Research received funding from the UNLV University Libraries Advisory Board that enabled it to undertake an oral history project intended to capture the stories of table games managers, including both those working in the field and those who have retired. Drawn from these interviews, Tales from the Pit provides an overview of how the interviewees felt about a variety of topics, ranging from their experiences breaking in as new dealers to their transitions to management and the changes the industry has seen over their careers. The current and former managers speak candidly about the owners, bosses, dealers, and players who made each day challenging. This book illuminates the past several decades of casino history through the words of those who lived and worked in the industry. The 21st century has seen a board game renaissance. At a time when streaming television finds millions of viewers, video games garner billions of dollars, and social media grows ever more intense, little has been written about the rising popularity of board games. And yet board games are one of our fastest growing hobbies, with sales increasing every year. Today's board games are more than just your average rainy-day mainstay. Once associated solely with geek subcultures, complex and strategic board games are increasingly dominating the playful media environment. The popularity of these complex board games mirrors the rise of more complex cult media products. In Game Play: Paratextuality in Contemporary Board Games, Paul B. Smith examines complex board games based on book, TV, and film franchises, including Doctor Who, The Walking Dead, Lord of the Rings, Star Trek, The Hunger Games and the worlds of H.P. Lovecraft. How does a game represent a cult world? How can narratives cross media platforms? By investigating the relationship between these media products and their board game counterparts, Smith explores the ways in which board games have become a part of our contemporary media landscape.

versions, Booth illustrates the connections between cult media, gameplay, and narrative in a digital media environment.

Recent decades have seen a dramatic shift away from social forms of gambling played around roulette wheels and card tables to solitary gambling at electronic terminals. Slot machines, revamped by ever more compelling digital and video technology, have unseated traditional casino games as the gambling industry's revenue mainstay. *Addiction by Design* takes readers into the intriguing world of machine gambling, an increasingly popular and absorbing form of play that blurs the line between human and machine, compulsion and control, risk and reward. Based on fifteen years of field research in Las Vegas, anthropologist Natasha Dow Schüll shows how the mechanical rhythm of electronic gambling pulls players into a trance-like state, the "machine zone," in which daily worries, social demands, and even bodily awareness fade away. Once in the zone, gambling addicts play not to win but simply to keep playing, for as long as possible—even at the cost of physical and economic exhaustion. In continuous machine play, gamblers seek to lose themselves while the gambling industry seeks profit. Schüll describes the strategic calculations behind game algorithms and machine ergonomics, casino architecture and "ambiance management," player tracking and cash access systems—all designed to respond to the market's desire for maximum "time on device." Her account moves from casino floors into gamblers' everyday lives, from gambling industry conventions and Gamblers Anonymous meetings to regulatory debates over whether addiction to gambling machines stems from the consumer, the product, or the interplay between the two. *Addiction by Design* is a compelling inquiry into the intensifying traffic between people and machines of chance, offering clues to some of the broader anxieties and predicaments of contemporary life. At stake in Schüll's account of intensifying traffic between people and machines of chance is a blurring of the line between design and experience, profit and loss, control and compulsion.

Contemporary Casino Table Game Design

Modern Python Cookbook

The Poker Mindset

International Gaming & Wagering Business

Ultimate Book of Card Games

Time Out Las Vegas

Highly detailed information on casino Blackjack as played worldwide, including over 100 variations, modern basic strategy, modern card counting systems, casino heat, current casino conditions, strategy comparisons, scams and myths, casino compartment and stories from the road. See the preview at www.qfit.com/book. This is Volume I. Volume II is available with advanced strategies. Blackjack expert Don Schlesinger said "What Norm fails to tell you is that this monumental work is one of the most important, comprehensive, pieces of research ever done on the game of blackjack...."

Poker is a centuries-old American game. Why has it become so popular in the twenty-first century? What does current interest in the game tell us about ourselves and some of our most pressing social issues? In this timely and thought-provoking book, Andrew Manno offers important insights into the intersection of gaming, gender, and capitalism that illuminate how the shift to a casino capitalist economy—combined with a culture of toxic masculinity—impacts workers and how it has led to the rise of populism in the United States that manifested in the 2016 election of Donald Trump.

Casino games and traditional card games have rich and idiosyncratic histories, complex subcultures and player practices, and facilitate the flow of billions of dollars each year through casinos and card rooms, and between professional players and amateurs. They have nevertheless been overlooked by game scholars due to the negative ethical weight of "gambling" – with such games pathologized and labelled as deviance or mental illness, few look beyond to unpick the games, their players, and their communities. The Casino, Card and Betting Game Reader offers 25 chapters studying the communities playing these games, the distinctive cultures and practices that have emerged around them, their activities and beliefs and interpersonal relationships, and how these games influence – both positively and negatively – the lives and careers of millions of game players around the world. It is the first of a new series of edited collections, Play Beyond the Computer, dedicated to exploring the play of games beyond computers and games consoles.

Building Blocks of Tabletop Game Design: An Encyclopedia of Mechanisms compiles hundreds of different mechanisms, organized by category. Each has a description of how it works, discussion of its pros and cons, how it can be implemented, and examples of specific games that use it. Building Blocks can be read cover to cover, used as a reference when looking for inspiration for a new design, help solving a specific problem, or assist in getting unstuck in the midst of a project. This book, the first to collect mechanisms like this in the tabletop game design field, aims to be a practical guide that will be a great starting point for beginning designers, a handy guidebook for the experienced, and an ideal classroom textbook. Key Features The first compendium of its kind in the tabletop game field. Covers the nuts and bolts of design to resolve specific challenges. Serves as a practical guide, a great starting point for beginning designers, and a reference for seasoned professionals. Contains discussion of a series of standalone mechanisms, in a standard format and style, with cross-links to related mechanics and specific examples. Includes hundreds of mechanism entries with accompanying diagrams and sample games to study. Ideal for professional or classroom use.

Casino Journal

Powerful Profits From Casino Table Games

Casinos

Machine Gambling in Las Vegas

Casino Gambling For Dummies

Tabletop