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**What If You Were Able To Get Right Inside The Mind Of World-Famous Poker Pro Gus Hansen--  
And Learn His Winning Secrets?**

Now You Can.

One of professional poker's most intriguing and fascinating players, Gus Hansen has often been called "The Madman" for his crazy, fearless, aggressive style. But you can't dispute the fact that this poker superstar knows how to win--and win big. The holder of the inaugural Poker Superstars Invitational title as well as the only player to win three World Poker Tour tournaments, Gus won his fifth major international title when he became the 2007 Aussie Millions Champion, outlasting 747 players and nabbing \$1.2 million. Now, for the first time ever, Gus analyzes the hands that he played during the tournament and reveals his secrets for winning in *Every Hand Revealed*.

**You'll learn:**

An extensive, easy-to-follow analysis of the more than 300 hands he played during the Aussie Millions...

The radical, yet coolly logical, methods behind Gus's "madness" that have helped him to win consistently...

Each and every bluff, precise calculation, educated guess, and read of his opponents ...

How to call large bets with seemingly unplayable hands...

When to raise out of position with garbage holdings...

How the prize structure should influence your play...

And much more!

Offering unlimited access to one of the most successful, popular poker players out there, *Every Hand Revealed* will help you understand some of poker's most coveted secrets--and simply shows you the *right* way to play the game whether you're a beginner or a poker pro. Now with Gus Hansen by your side, you too can turbo-charge your game and watch it take off!

Superstar poker pro **Gus Hansen** has shaken up the poker world with his loose, aggressive style. Called "The Great Dane" as well as "The Madman," the five-time international title-holder transforms his hands with cool logic ...and flattens his opponents. Voted one of the world's sexiest men by *People Magazine*, Gus is an avid athlete, backgammon player, and poker commentator for both Danish and American T.V.

## **Every Hand Revealed Details**

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## From Reader Review Every Hand Revealed for online ebook

### Bob McHugh says

Easily the best poker book I've ever read (and I read a lot of them).

Poker books are almost always a choice between entertaining or educational about poker strategy, but Hansen is so articulate, thoughtful, and personable that this is the first book that completely satisfies both needs.

If you're an especially advanced player, I'm not sure that you'll learn a ton (largely because Hansen's aggressive style of play has influenced so many and been taken even further since this has been written) but if you're a casual player, he makes an incredibly compelling case for playing that is both counter-intuitive and counter to decades of Texas Hold'em wisdom.

The structure really makes this book. The premise (Hansen explains his thoughts going into every hand he played in a tournament that he won) is wonderfully executed, and allows for Hansen's poker philosophies to mesh nicely with some fun and witty observations. Must-read for any poker fan.

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### Robert Beveridge says

Gus Hansen, Every Hand Revealed (Lyle Stuart, 2008)

It should be noted first and foremost that the premise behind this book makes it pretty certain that this is about as vertical-market a poker book as you're going to find. Casual fans probably won't cotton to the idea of reading Gus Hansen discussing the almost three hundred hands he played at the 2007 Aussie Millions. If you're a serious student of the game, however, and you've always wondered at the method behind the seeming madness of a "maniac" player like Hansen, then this is definitely the book for you. Hansen lays out each hand, shows you the reasons he made each of his plays, talks pot odds (and shows why the person at the table calling you a donkey for making that call is more likely a donkey himself), and isn't afraid to tell you when he messed up. And yes, contrary to the beliefs of some folks (but right in line with the beliefs of many others), Gus Hansen does, in fact, make the occasional mistake. Sometimes they cost him almost a million chips. And yet he still ends up with all the chips in the end. Variance, as they say, is a harsh mistress. (Actually, "they" usually use language a lot cruder to describe variance. So do I, when I'm not writing Amazon reviews.)

The book's biggest failings aren't necessarily Hansen's fault; a good editor could have whipped this manuscript into shape with little effort. Toning down Hansen's excessive use of exclamation points and doing a quick run-through for egregious spelling and grammatical errors would have done this manuscript a world of good, and a real combing-through might well have come up with something approaching the perfect poker book. But what we got is fine indeed, and well worth your time. \*\*\*\*

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## **Jereme Townsend says**

### **Enjoyable for a poker player**

Reading his thoughts and his reactions to his plays is entertaining. There's some theories and some things to learn here but it's minimal. It's a good book.

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## **Sammy says**

A really great read for any poker players or fans! Be warned, the book uses plenty of jargon, but this is a really in-depth, truly experiential example of professional-level tournament playing. Hansen details every single hand he played during a million-dollar win at a Melbourne tournament, analysing his own play and providing countless insights for the up-and-coming player. He's level-headed enough to recognise his own image, but at the same time he also provides examples of moments where other great players wouldn't have made his choice, and the advantages on either side. What I found refreshing is that this is not an example of a book that tells you what to do; it gives you the circumstances and one possible (usually successful) play, and leaves you to analyse the moment yourself. Hansen also has a playful writing style that makes this a fun read.

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## **Okmanek says**

Pierwsza ksi??ka pokerowa któr? przeczyta?em w ca?o?ci. Wej?cie w umys? pokerzysty, szczególnie tak agresywnego jak Gus, by?o bardzo wci?gaj?ce. Opisa? on ponad 300 rozda?, ka?de z nich pe?ne rozkmin na temat matematyki, oddsów, psychologii, tellsów, ogólnej strategii na du?ym MTT. Must read dla ka?dego zainteresowanego tematem.

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## **MadMaxx says**

This book is different from all the other poker info books. This book actually follows every hand Gus Hansen went through on his way to winning a tournament. Not really going to tell you anything but maybe how to handle the hand he played. still it is almost like a regular story as it unfolds to the the final hand. Good shit.

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## **Will Stevenson says**

Good insight into the thinking of a professional poker player.

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## **Tyler Jones says**

I vaguely recall a story about a general who the night before a huge battle was approached by his second-in-

command. Since it was possible that the General might fall in battle, the Second wanted to know his battle strategy so that he could carry on in this case. The general asked his second if he knew what the enemy's plans were for the battle and when the second said that he had no idea the general replied that he could not say what his strategy was until he saw what the enemy's strategy was. Or something like that.

During the 2007 Aussie Millions tournament, Gus Hansen used a small hand held recording device to record every single hand he was involved in, and then he later fleshed out the book by describing the thinking behind every decision he made. The result is an amazing glimpse into the thinking of one of the game's most innovative and successful players.

I have read a few books about poker tournament strategy and while I have learned some valuable things, I knew that the generalities would only get me so far - that in specific situations I would be on my own. What I like about *Every Hand Revealed* is that it is entirely situational, giving the reader a real hand-by-hand example of how a great player navigates a tournament. While the reader will never be in exactly the same position against the same players as Hansen - it is a much more instructive book than most because it teaches a thought process rather than a specific strategy. This is, I think, revelatory. Up until now I thought that to be a great tournament player I needed to memorize a number of different strategies and know when to apply them - but Hansen has opened my eyes to the importance of understanding the reasoning behind the strategy - the proper thinking that lies behind the proper action.

Gus Hansen is by most standards an extremely aggressive player. I have always been a proponent of tight-conservative tournament play (at least in the early stages) and have dismissed play like Hansen's as too reckless. But Hansen has shown me that there is a method to his madness, that the aggression is not applied indiscriminately. Hansen more than most players has a great understanding of the mathematics of the game, and most of his aggressive moves make sense when he breaks down the math behind them. But what I like most is that Hansen is also a great reader of his opponents. He often makes statements such as "nobody seemed very interested in the flop" before he decides a continuation bet is in order.

And he is human. He makes a bone-headed move now and again. I particularly enjoy the occasions when he spends a page describing how he spent five minutes figuring out what the proper action is before doing the wrong thing. "Why did I do that?" he writes, "I have absolutely no idea."

I highly recommend *Every Hand Revealed*. It won't give you any magic formulas that will work every time but it might help you learn to think your way through a tournament.

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### **Yves says**

This awesome book takes you into the mind of one of the great poker players of all time. The thought processes explained mesh well with the active player looking for decisions post-flop. Passive players might not like this book but would benefit by changing their style.

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### **Dann says**

Approximately 10% of poker players are profitable over the long haul. If you really understand the game and take it seriously, then you could have predicted Hansen's fall from grace a decade ago. In case you don't

know, he's lost millions over the past several years. His style is not just aggressive, but reckless. Players like this will be in the limelight for a while, then fade away. The only way to truly win in poker is to implement bankroll management (no rebuys), position, table selection (selecting tables with scared money), and reading ability. Gus only has one of the four (reading ability), and that's not even spectacular. In other words, don't use this book as a strategy guide: you will fail.

All that said, Hansen's book, which focuses on this one tournament, is highly entertaining. And it IS a good approach to tournament poker. Just don't use it for ring games.

The 4 stars is for the book, not Hansen's poker.

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### **Brian Grover says**

A fun read for any poker player. Hansen reconstructs every single hand he played (and a few he didn't) en route to winning the 2007 Aussie Millions tournament. His aggressive style is kind of amazing to witness, and he's surprisingly funny as a narrator, particularly when he's berating himself for a misplay or recounting the hand he won without knowing what was going on.

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### **David says**

This book is not exactly what I was expecting when I bought it. I thought "Every Hand Revealed" would be a discussion of a lot of hands and the thought process to go through in deciding whether to bet, call, raise, or fold. It sort of is, but it's basically a journal of Hansen's hands over the course of the Aussie Millions tournament, which he won in 2006 or so for a little over a million dollars. He does talk about what he was thinking in each hand, so there is a lot of insight into his strategic and tactical thinking, as well as some poker math, but none of it was new to me from a poker theory standpoint. It was mostly interesting as a glimpse of how a top pro plays.

Gus Hansen has a reputation for being a "maniac," and the first thing you notice is that he wins an awful lot of pots by basically raising with anything. If his opponents don't have anything, they fold. You only have to get more folds than calls on average for this to be a winning strategy. I was a little surprised at how passive his opponents apparently were - you'd think they'd have caught on eventually and started calling or even reraising him.

For all that, I was surprised with his analysis at the end of the book where he showed how many times he was all-in during the tournament. It was fewer times than I thought. He was playing a very loose, aggressive style and made a lot of calls most people would consider loose, but he rarely bluffed (other than those pre-flop raises with any two cards), and usually did not call with nothing, or in the belief that his opponent was bluffing.

Not all the hands are interesting, but some are. The most interesting ones were the ones where he made mistakes. Sometimes he even points this out after the fact, that he made a terrible call, or (more rarely) a bad fold. Even pros can make mistakes, and several times he made a move that made me think "I wouldn't have done that," and lo and behold, I was right not to have done that. We tend to think experts play a perfect game. Even in zero-luck games like chess or go, that isn't true, and it certainly isn't true of poker. That's what

brings fish to the table, after all - the fact that any beginner can get lucky and stack a better player now and then.

Gus's style isn't mine, though he does make me reconsider the value of opening my range and calling and raising more widely pre-flop. He definitely has solid math skills, and doing those calculations at the table is something I need to work on.

This book, as a log of one tournament, isn't the most interesting or educational poker book I've read. It probably won't improve your game much, but it does let you play along with a pro and think about his hand and then see what decisions he made.

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### **Brian says**

While most poker books I've read focus on outlining a particular strategy in general, this was a refreshing change... literally a log of every single hand he played en route to winning a major tournament. The tone was light and it was an easy and quick read, almost like reading about an adventure rather than poker strategy. Gus' humor and his logical detailed explanations of some of the key hands give it enough credibility as a poker book. If you enjoy swapping poker stories, you'll probably like it. If you're not into poker, you probably won't like it.

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### **Damien says**

Diary of a mad poker player. Gus Hansen documents all 329 hands he played to win the 2007 Aussie Millions. The result is a truckload of amazing insights into how he Gus thinks about the game. He looks like a mad man, but he can do it because he is thinking at the second level if not higher. It's great study of actual hands against actual players with no cherry-picking.

Be careful when you read this, it takes effort not to dive in to every pot and adapt Hansen's loose-aggressive style.

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### **Wesley Gerrard says**

Gus Hansen is my favourite poker player and in this fascinating book which Gus has painstakingly put together for his fans, we get to see the genuine inside story of one of his big tournament wins. It is a blow by blow account of all the action and we get to see Gus' poker decision-making at work. Very often, on TV, you see Gus playing wacky cards. He will call with just about any two cards and plays some really unplayable hands which the average person will just chuck away. We see in 'Every Hand Revealed' some of his mathematical reasoning behind doing this. He is constantly assessing and reassessing pot-odds and he argues with reason about why certain calls should be made and on occasion will make a laydown for the same reason. I found one of the most intriguing facts of the book to be just how many pots he picks up after betting aggressively and holding absolutely nothing. He relies on continuation betting and will raise almost anything preflop. I cannot understand how players do not stand up to Gus more in the live environment and simply

dump him out as from reading this book, it can be seen that nine times out of ten you have better holdings than him. Gus Hansen is a poker enigma and this book is thoroughly readable and enjoyable. It is written in a hand for hand format and the various days of the tournament are split into chapters. I flew through the read and was thrilled to see Gus finally pick up the \$1.5 million (Australian dollars) cash prize. I've read other poker books by hardened professionals and they too are valuable but I feel that Every Hand Revealed definitively displays a professional at work and at the top of his game. If you are into poker and Gus Hansen then this book is a must. Five out of five.

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