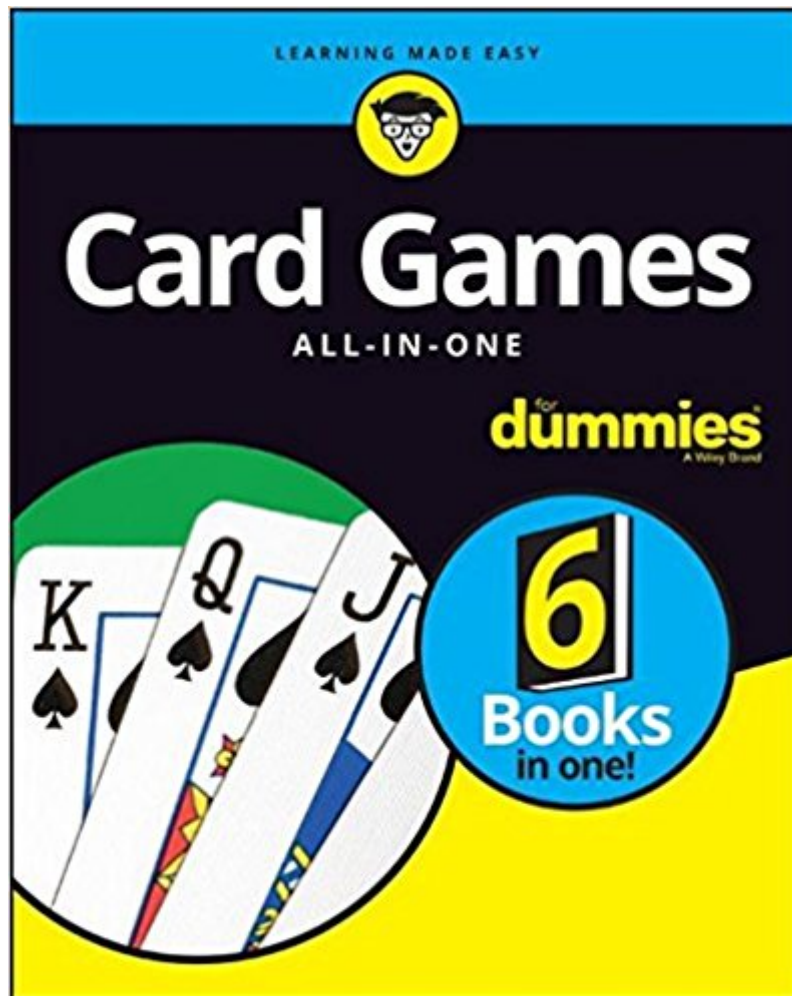




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# Card Games All-In-One For Dummies (For Dummies (Lifestyle))



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Play your cards right™ and get an ace up your sleeve Whether you™re looking to tackle a Texas Hold ^em tournament or beat a friendly competitor at Gin Rummy, Card Games All-In-One For Dummies helps you stack the odds in your favor to start playing™ and winning™ the world™s most popular card games. From Bridge and Hearts to Blackjack, card games are timeless activities that offer loads of fun, bringing people of all ages together to socialize and have a hand at some friendly competition. But if you™re ready to up the ante, this all-encompassing guide gives you the card-playing power to apply winning strategies and tips to master your game of choice and beat your opponents. Build upon and improve your card-playing skills Develop a winning strategy for popular card game Find and play card games online Teach kids to play cards responsibly Whether you™re playing for fun or real stakes, Card Games All-In-One For Dummies is your one-stop ace in the hole to come up trumps!

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The ultimate card-player's companion Card games bring people of all ages together, whether for fun or competition. Inside, you'll find expert tips and guidance on how to use strategy, memory, cleverness, and more to become a better player at some of the world's most popular card games. With easy-to-follow explanations for each game including their origins, rules, and tactics, you can quickly become a master card player. 6 Books Inside | Card Games For Dummies Bridge For Dummies, 4th Edition Poker For Dummies Texas Hold'em For Dummies Winning at Internet Poker For Dummies Casino Gambling For Dummies

I had sort of expected that each chapter would be focused on a specific card game, or at least genre of card games, but it is not. Quite a bit of this book is dedicated to the game of Poker, which is fine by me as that was the only game I really wanted to learn more about (though there are chapters on other games as well). The five books included are as follows:

- Book 1. Taking a stab at card games - An overview of card game basics including non-poker card games you can play.
- Book 2. The lowdown on poker - Poker basics and a review of some popular poker games; I think this is all you really need if you're just trying to learn the basics of poker to play some non-competitive games at home.
- Book 3. Staying North of the Border: Texas Hold'em - A more in-depth review of Texas Hold'em, which is touched on in Book 2. Probably a good read if you want to try your luck at a more competitive game with friends or even venture out to a casino.
- Book 4. Going Online to Play: Internet Poker - Reviews exactly what the title implies. I don't have an interest in Internet Poker, so this book wasn't of much interest to me.
- Book 5. More than Just an Old Folks' Game: Bridge - I'll eventually get around to this for the next time I visit my parents (my dad LOVES bridge) but I just don't know anyone around here in my age group that plays this game so it's not really of much interest to me.
- Book 6. Trying to Beat the House: Casino Gambling - This book seemed a touch out of place, in my opinion, since several lot of the chapters focus on non-card based casino games (Craps, Roulette, Slots) but it provides some strategy to consider if you're looking to take your game to the casinos.

Card Games for Dummies is a compilation of "six books" on card games, poker, Texas Hold'em, internet poker, bridge and casino gambling. This book teaches traditional card games, but also devotes entire books to internet poker and casino games (even games like slot machines and roulette that don't use cards). From the book title, I assumed this book would focus on traditional card games. It's okay that it covers gambling games, but it makes for a long book, plus the gambling coverage makes the book more adult oriented. The good news is that it's organized by separate "books" so topics of no interest (such as internet poker in my case) can be skipped. Also, the book has a good index in the back for finding card games and topics of interest.

Card Games for Dummies covers traditional card games in a way that's relatively easy to understand. Rummy is a game I played as a child and couldn't remember how to play. To use it as an example, the book is easy to follow as it says what you need to play, how many players, the setup, objective, how to play, strategy, scoring, etc. It also gives diagrams to illustrate concepts like scoring, or an illegal run that mixes suits as compared to a legal run that follows suits. The Gin Rummy variation is also provided.

This book covers a variety of other card games, like Fan Tan, Solitaire, Hearts, Spades and more. Children's games like Go Fish, War, Slapjack and others are included, and then whole books are devoted to poker, Texas Hold'em and Bridge. I don't know enough card games to know if this book has missed some good card games or not. While I think this is basically a good book, I would have appreciated a shorter book with less commentary about the obvious and tangential topics. For example, this book assumes the reader has never seen a deck of cards- it talks about such basic information like how many cards are in a deck, that a deck has four suits, the concept of shuffling a deck, etc. It seemed like information almost any child would know. Another example is the inclusion of topics like smoking and tipping etiquette while gambling in Las Vegas. There's quite a bit of extraneous commentary that seemed like a waste of space. Others may appreciate that type of information, but it's just not of interest to me. Still, Card Games for Dummies is good at teaching some traditional card games, and for those who are interested it covers internet poker and casino games too.

552 pages in all including the index. It is actually 6 books in one including...Card Games for Dummies Bridge for Dummies, 4th Edition Poker for Dummies Texas Hold'em for Dummies Winning at Internet Poker for Dummies and Casino Gambling for Dummies I wanted to immediately put this book to the test looking up 500 Rummy and there wasn't anything called that, but they did cover Rummy, and Gin Rummy which provides the information needed. I remember as a child playing cards a lot, and it was one of my Dad's favorite pastimes when he had friends over. There is a good deal of coverage of poker and all of its variations. I'm staying away from the section on online gambling because I don't want to get hooked. My Dad used to say, "Gamblers die broke." That's an obvious considering the odds are stacked against them, and in the long run you can't beat the odds. This is way more than just the basics. The author goes into strategies, how to cover your cards in a casino with a chip, be sure to slide them across, the ones that are down, to the dealer so your opponents don't know what you were holding, thereby giving them a peek into your strategy. It gets really interesting. Overall I jumped at a chance at getting this book because I wanted to reinvent the time when I used to play a lot more cards. It is always good to have a guide, or rule book when playing because a loser will start to bend the rules, or maybe has a system of playing that is outside of the rules. I really like the way the Dummies books are written. Their straightforward and simple explanation gets rid of the microscopic analysis and instead brings up what you really want to know. Let me just give you an example of the topics discussed in Chapter 3: Succeeding at Seven Card Stud. In this chapter...Getting to know the antes, the deal, and betting structure. Knowing when

to hold or fold. Recognizing winning hands. Understanding the importance of live cards. Looking at Seven-Card Stud in depth. So as you can see this is not a Mickey Mouse book on card playing. I am sure that all but the most skilled card players will glean something from it. All in all highly recommended. So am I bluffing, or really holding the winning hand of card tricks? It's your bet.

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