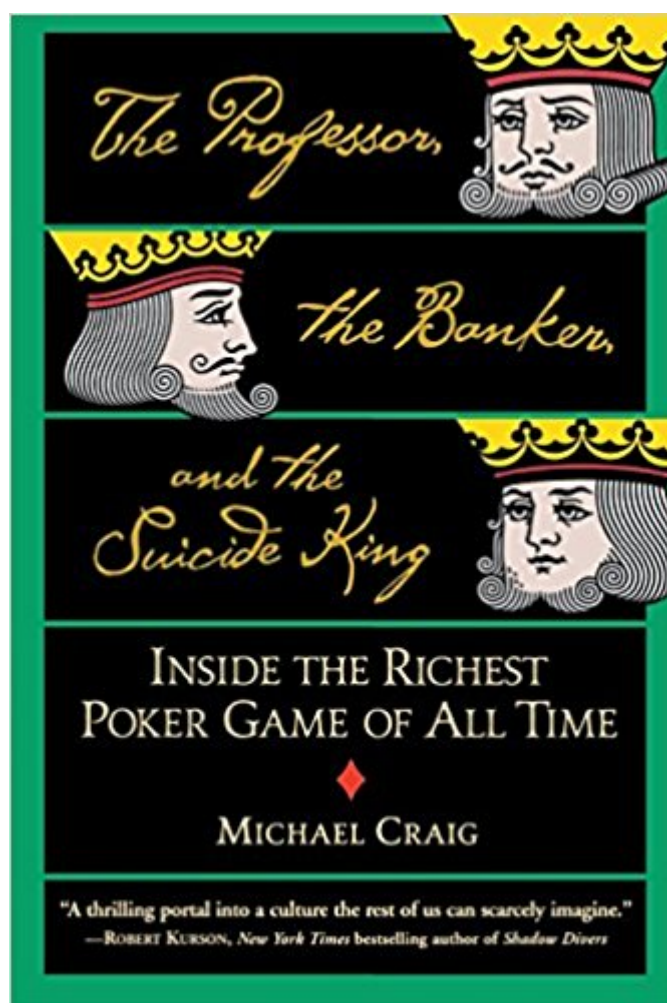


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The Professor, The Banker, And The Suicide King: Inside The Richest Poker Game Of All Time



Synopsis

- One of the author's sources for this book is a member of the illustrious and mysterious "Corporation" of top-10 poker players who pool their money to play for millions--revealing for the first time the secrets of their games, strategies, and partnership. - Books about gambling sell extremely well, as evidenced by the success of *Bringing Down the House* (Free Press, 2002), which has 320,000 hardcover and trade paperback copies in print combined, and *Positively Fifth Street* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2003), which has sold more than 80,000 hardcover copies. - With celebrity poker tournaments boosting the Bravo cable network's ratings, and ESPN drawing over one million viewers per episode to its coverage of the World Series of Poker (held every June), public interest in the game has never been higher. Additionally, it is estimated that more than 90,000 Americans play poker on the Internet daily, with as much as 55 million dollars being wagered on any given day. - A brilliantly told, fascinating adventure story. *The Professor, The Banker, And The Suicide King* gives readers a view into an exclusive world--one that very few have had the opportunity to witness. - Michael Craig has written for *The American Spectator*, *Cigar Aficionado*, and *Penthouse*.

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If you're one of millions who have become intrigued with Texas Hold 'Em, then this book is for you! Michael Craig takes us behind the scenes of a series of cash Texas Hold 'Em games that make the tournaments you see on TV pale by comparison. Imagine betting \$100,000 and \$200,000 per hand - and it's your money! The professor, Howard Lederer, gave up a computer science major in 1985

when as a freshman he won \$100,000 playing poker. The banker is Andy Beal, a self-made billionaire who earned \$50 million plus per year from his various enterprises, including Beal Bank of Dallas. And the suicide king is the king of hearts. Poker players know that the king of hearts holds his own sword at his head, thus the name "suicide king." A dozen times over four years (from 2001 to 2004), Beal would go to Las Vegas to play heads-up poker at table one at the Bellagio. He'd play against a syndicate of the world's best poker players, including Doyle Brunson, Jennifer Harmon, Chip Reese, and Howard Lederer. (Heads-up poker means that rather than up to nine players at a table, there would be only two - playing each other "heads-up"). Millions would change hands in each game - until over \$20 million was on the table during the final game in May of 2004. The stakes were so high that "flags" (red, white and blue edged chips worth \$5,000) were not used. In Las Vegas \$5,000 chips are rarely seen, yet the Bellagio has rarer-still \$25,000 chips. And even the Bellagio wasn't prepared for a high stakes game of this magnitude. The Bellagio ran out of \$25,000 chips to be used in the game! As Craig describes the action you get a behind the scenes look at the preparation both sides made - and a history of Texas Hold 'Em that few have ever seen.

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