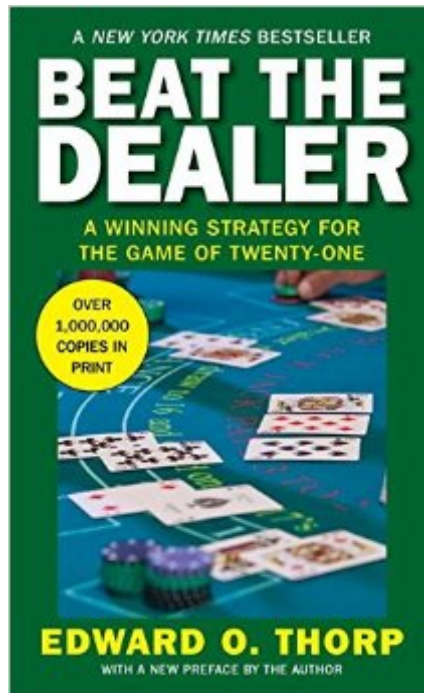


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# Beat The Dealer: A Winning Strategy For The Game Of Twenty-One



## Synopsis

New York Times Bestseller — Edward O. Thorp is the father of card counting, and in *Beat the Dealer* he reveals the revolutionary point system that has been successfully used by professional and amateur card players for two generations. From Las Vegas to Monte Carlo, the tables have been turned and the house no longer has the advantage at blackjack. — — — — — — — — — —

Containing the basic rules of the game, proven winning strategies, how to overcome casino counter measures and spot cheating. *Beat the Dealer* is the bible for players of this game of chance. Perforated cards included in the book are a convenient way to bring the strategies into the casino. — A winning strategy for the game of 21. The essentials, consolidated in simple charts, can be understood and memorized by the average player.

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I would guess that I (along with a friend) were one of the first ones to use Thorpe's card-counting system in Nevada. We bought his first book as soon as it arrived hot off the press in our local book store and were barely old enough to get in a casino at the time. After we bought the book we spent a couple of months practicing and then headed for Nevada and we probably played regularly after that for a couple of years. Then over the years, through the 70s, 80s, and 90s, I would play now and then when my wife and I would go there on vacation. Because there are easier systems and more efficient systems available now days, Thorpe's book is mostly only useful as historical background and theory, etc. HOWEVER, the following chapter is probably worth its weight in gold for some

potential gamblers:10. How to Spot CheatingOver the years, from the time I started in the early 60s through the 70s, 80s, and 90s, I found the ability to spot cheating was the most important skill of all. In fact, shortly after first arriving in Las Vegas in the early 60s, I was able to spot a second from 20 or 30 feet away. Then, in later years, just out of curiosity, I created a small chart and card counting system based on a formula I found in Thorpe's "Mathematics of Gambling" that would calculate the probabilities of clumping with multiple decks. Then on one vacation trip, while the wife was playing the slots, I would watch and count and then go to an inconspicuous location and record the results for various tables and casinos. The results were very interesting.Card counting systems are highly effective, in theory, at winning a lot of money at Blackjack. Note, however, that I said "in theory".

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