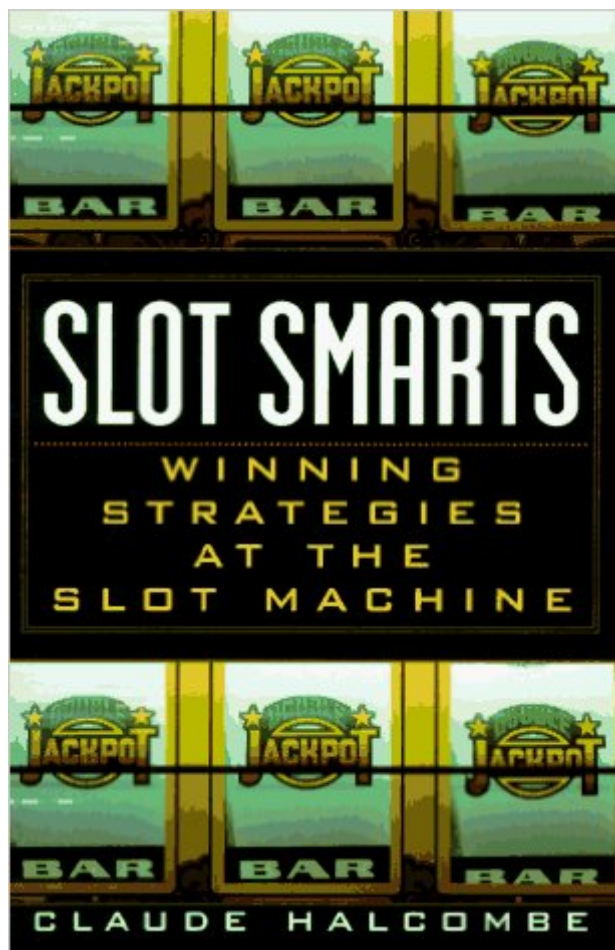


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# Slot Smarts: Winning Strategies At The Slot Machine



## Synopsis

This book was researched for several years, and the author claims he wins at least seven out of 10 trips to Las Vegas on slot machines. He says he attributes his skills to his ability to concentrate on slots with which he is familiar keeping to a fixed daily stake. Also, he limits his casino visits. He doesn't guarantee the book will help anyone hit a big jackpot, but he says "you can and will win more and lose less" when you follow the advice in the book. 157 pages, paperbound. 1996.

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This book would have received higher "stars", however, the author is too moralistic in preaching on the perils of slot playing. There is too much information in this book that the average slot player is already aware of. The book was disappointing from this stand point. I did use the author's spreadsheet to enable better tracking for my future slot sessions. Frankly, the book is overpriced for the knowledge gleaned.

Since the slots make up the majority of opportunity to gamble in Las Vegas...it is a pleasure to see an updated (late 1990's) but not overly technical guide to what the games are and how to understand the logic behind their operation in order to "win" or at least break even. Though I have not had the full resources to completely test Mr Halcombe's methods...about 80% of the information he imparts, I have used at one point or another to wind up being considerably ahead at the dollar slots. Some of the text could have been shortened as pertains to the moral or philosophical views of slot play....but overall...an invaluable read if you are going to put even one dollar in the machines.

The book is valuable but somewhat impractical at the level of actual play. The author provides five plans with elaborate instructions for leaving and staying and moving from one to two coins -- he advocates play on two level multipliers like Double Diamonds and Red White & Blue. In my opinion it is enough to say that if you don't make 5 units within fifteen spins you should leave. If you don't score a very good hit you should not move from one to two units. The problem I had with the author's method was that I mainly had to leave machines. That is normal. But why go through some elaborate recording of this hasty movement, as though each encounter was a session? I appreciate that the author's methods may work for him. I am not so orderly. I reached his goals quickly enough using my fifteen spin adaptation and common sense on when to double up. I coasted through the rest of the day and came home with a few hundred plus from dollar play. I welcome dialogue about this with the author or any other serious players. It is a good book but ... There is an easier way!

There is good advice on how not to lose your money. I pretty much do what the man says anyways. I went to an Indian Casino and won a little like I always do, but am anxious to try out the machines he tells of in Atlantic City in April. I think the Indian Casino's aren't set up the same as the others. Like he says it is work to win and I always do, but only win between \$100.00 and \$400.00 which is good for me. Read the book if this is your first time at a Casino and playing slots.

As we say in the Old Country, this one's a "corker," a real pick-me-up and put-down "read". Good for browsing which is about all travelling slotters like me get to do en route to the next tournament. The author had won me over well before I got to his piece on slot tournaments. Beats me why others haven't woken up to that lure yet. Best of all worlds! Fun galore and somebody in the group is always guaranteed to take out the big money. Makes sense to me but then most of this book does, and for old pros like me too. After some of the junk put out by "experts" on one-armed bandits, this book sticks to reality. We all need a game plan before the money goes in AND we all need to stick

to it. That makes real sense.

I read this short book in one night. The strategies for playing the machines are well documented and easy to follow. My only complaint is too much time repeating the basics of limiting your gambling to money you can afford to lose and limiting your expectations for profit--we all know that I hope. But I'm going to try the strategies on my next trip to the casinos and I'll let you know if they work then...

Have read most books on winning at slots. They don't help much. This one has much more to offer. I'm a \$\$ player anyway which helps because the author insists on two coin \$\$ machines and a hefty start stake. I am a bit of a wanderer so I don't object to his frequent movements. Do his ideas work? I am making a better job of "managing my luck" (as he puts it) since I found this book in Atlantic City but I haven't ventured to Vegas yet where he seems to concentrate his efforts. Maybe I will go after my next big win. I've had a couple in three trips using one of his strategies and sticking to his two coiners.

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