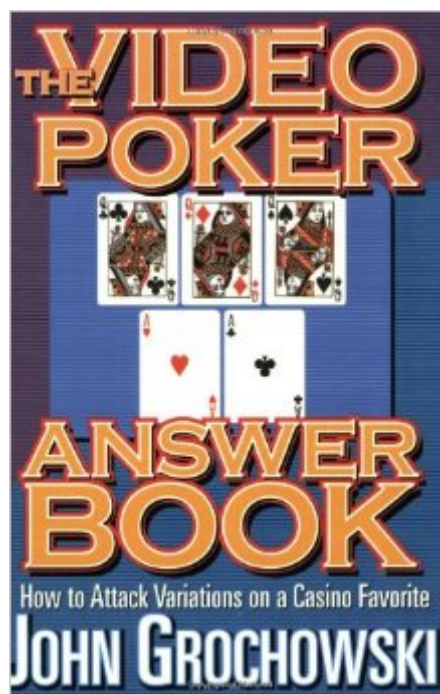


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# The Video Poker Answer Book



## Synopsis

In The Video Poker Answer Book, John Grochowski gives his easy-to-understand insights in to how the machines work and the best strategies for attacking up-to-date variations on this casino standard.

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## Customer Reviews

I've heard and read so often that with the right strategy you can actually come out ahead if you play video poker, but until now, have not been able to get a handle on a strategy. This book helped me tremendously. Not only did I learn to play better video poker, I actually had fun reading the book and learning. The quiz format made it painless. I've read other video poker books, but I always found it a bit grueling working my way through all the charts and calculations. John Grochowski makes it easy. He uses anecdotes to illustrate certain points and they serve as great memory triggers. The book has already helped me improve my play at some of the casinos near my home. I can't wait for my next trip to Vegas. I recommend the video Poker Answer Book to anyone who wants a better understanding of the game and how to play it. Fine learning tool.

My copy of The Video Poker Answer Book already is well-worn, as I read and re-read, study and quiz myself, and prepare every time I go to the casino. Needless to say, I couldn't disagree more with the reviewer from Arizona about the question-and-answer format. I think you learn by doing, and this book lets you work out the problems, then gives the explanations that underscore the learning experience. It's not just a cookbook that tells you what do do. It's really strong on explaining

why we should play certain hands certain ways. On top of that, it covers games I've never seen in any other video poker book. It seems that every other video poker writer thinks everyone plays in Las Vegas and has access to all the top pay tables. Well, I play mostly in Indian casinos in the Midwest, and I never see those games. I do see many of the games detailed in this book. It gives me the strategy changes I need for the lower pay tables I see in the Midwest. That makes this book the most complete video poker guide I've ever seen.

As a blackjack player, I've often tried my hand at video poker when the tables were "cold." Never won much... never lost much... and, after reading Grochowski's book, realize that I didn't know much! I've always heard that blackjack and video poker are the only two casino games where the player actually has a long-term chance at winning. I now know why VP, if played the way that John recommends that it be played, is distinguished from other machine games. His analysis of EVERY type of video poker game, and his recommended playing strategy for each type of machine, should give even the beginning player a great chance of going home with some of the casino's money! His writing style and anecdotes make the book fun and easy to read, and coupled with his comprehensive analysis of video poker, makes this a book that every casino gambler should own.

Of all the video poker books I have read and reviewed in my gaming columns, John's book ranks right up there as one of the best. Whether you are a novice player or have some experience playing video poker, you will become a much better player after reading his book. John's Q&A format also makes it easy for the reader to grasp key points and his recommended strategies & explanations on how the machines work are right on the money. Trust me - you will not be disappointed. Highly recommended for players who want to learn how to play & more importantly how to improve your chances of winning. Henry Tamburin....

This is a book that's meant for browsing. Jump ahead to the games you like to play, skip the ones you don't. Try the quiz, or skip ahead to the answers -- the questions are repeated at the beginning of each answer. Read, and re-read, and when you can answer the questions without the prompts, you're ready to play in the casino. This is the fourth book on video poker I've read, and none is anywhere near as complete, nor as much fun, as this one.

I am an avid VP player, as you might know from reading my book *The Frugal Gambler*. My husband and I have been playing (and winning overall) for 11 years. I know John's writings well, having read

all his other books. However, when I knew he was writing a VP book, I was wondering how his Q+A format would be able to cover this wide-ranging subject. So many games, so many strategies? But when I read the book, I was amazed at the amount of even rather complex information that he covered in such a simplified form. Why, I bet some people learned a lot without even realizing they had been studying! And most important of all, the information in this book is based on sound math principles - as all gambling writing should be.

Video poker, the experts say, is a game that can be beaten if players learn expert strategy and stick to certain high-paying games. Those experts then usually give information on how to play those games, and ignore everything else. This book is different. John Grochowski shows an understanding that most of us play for entertainment, and that we're not always going to have access to the games the experts say we should stick to. He shows how to get the most for your money out of games people really play. It doesn't claim to be a guaranteed system for winning. In fact, he comes right out and says that even experts will lose more often than they win. But he does show how to attack games that other books on the subject won't touch. I like the quiz format. I think it's fun, and in his answers the author tells stories from personal experience that make this a really breezy read despite the numbers and calculations that go into the strategies. Without doubt, this is the best video poker book around.

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