



# Foreword

**W**hen I first met John Born, I knew him only as a very talented up-and-coming sleight-of-hand artist who could do things with a deck of cards way beyond what his young years suggested. As the years passed, he became known in the magic community for his original ideas, two best-selling books, and international awards. However, it wasn't until 2006 that he moved from the Midwest to New York City where, more importantly to me, he became a great friend.

Soon after his arrival, I learned of our shared fascination with the arcane arts of hustling...at both the pool table and the card table. Having worked on both sides of the fence as a mechanic (card cheat) and a cheating consultant, I was delighted when John asked me to preview the book you are now holding. First glance showed that not only had a great deal of research been done, but that John has some cunning and extremely original ideas specific to Texas Hold'em. At a further glance, I was pleased to find it was a wonderful read – a real bible of not only how to cheat, but also sage advice on what to look for to avoid being cheated!

Some of what you are about to read may seem like fiction. Surely nobody could do that at a card table and get away with it!? Let me tell you something...it's not

fiction at all. The world is infested with both skilled and unskilled cheats who will do pretty much anything to take your hard earned money. Some of the moves are incredibly hard, requiring years of practice; others are so basic that you'll be amazed at just how simple it is to make easy money. John has spilled the entire truckload of beans for your education. If you read and learn what follows, you'll be, as the cheats and conmen put it, "With it."

Of course, should you choose the other route and try to put the work into practice...I'll warn you, as I'm sure John would, that you'll be entering a world that's more dangerous than a graphic horror movie so take great care!

This is a great book that both gamblers and those with just a passing interest will enjoy. It's a glimpse into a very esoteric world that few write knowledgeably about. John has done just that, so enjoy!

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