



## Wild Cards: A Year Counting Cards with a Professional Blackjack Player, a Priest, and a \$30,000 Bankroll

By Philip Reed

Skyhorse Publishing. Hardback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Wild Cards: A Year Counting Cards with a Professional Blackjack Player, a Priest, and a \$30,000 Bankroll, Philip Reed, Philip Reed is coasting toward retirement, looking for one last adventure, when he meets Bill Palis, a professional blackjack player and former member of the legendary MIT team that took the casinos for millions. At a blackjack table in a strip casino, Phil sees Bill win \$1,600 in 20 minutes of play--and he's intrigued. Initially, he plans to write the book as a spectator, but Bill encourages him to overcome his fears, learn to count cards, and get a piece of the action for himself. The two men form a friendship and begin traveling and playing blackjack together, often with Father Andy, who kicks in money so they can play out of a \$30,000 bankroll. Phil, who has adult ADD, and flunked math in high school, adopts the challenge of card counting as a way to banish the old ghosts of his poor self-image and build new synapses in his aging brain. With Bill as his tough mentor, Phil struggles to learn the game and secretly track the cards. As Phil's play improves,...



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