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Tom McEvoy, T.J. Cloutier : Championship Hold'em before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Championship Hold'em:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. 2 great players give a great deal of useful adviceBy J. DavisWell worth the low price, even 15 years later. Helped my game already and I'm only 2/3rds of the way through. The only slight caveat: this book is primarily written for limit holdem, whereas most tournaments today are no limit.14 of 15 people found the following review helpful. Championship Advice.By Bernard ChapinI first heard about this book when I read Jim MacManus's Positively Fifth Street last summer. By the time that I finished, the manual was out-of-print, but it has since been reissued. Its re-release is most likely due to the Hold'em craze, but, I believe, that its excellence made it difficult for its publishers to ignore.Overall, I'd place this one right behind Doyle's Super System, Number 1, in terms of educational and helpful works concerning tournament poker. I know this to be the case because I just returned from Vegas two days ago and finished reading it during my plane flight over. Championship... was fresh in my mind during the games that I played on vacation.I signed up twice for the 30 dollar, 30 person daily tournament at the Mandalay Bay. The first day that I attended, I wound up making it to the final table and finishing seventh--two spots out of the money. I had enough chips to allow me to coast to third or fourth place but, when Big Slick, a King/Ace of Hearts, fell into my hands, I had the sensation of hearing T.J. Cloutier whisper into my ears, "This is exactly what I meant."My mind immediately scanned back to page 299 where he states that what you do with Big Slick, and how you play when the other player holds it, makes or breaks you during tournaments. Here, Cloutier shares that it is also known as "Walking Back to Houston" as it has so often broken the players who held it. I knew that

folding it would have been cowardice--particular with three spots vacant at the table. The flop fell three suited and A, 8, K. I had two Aces and two Kings. The guy across from me went all in with a few more chips than me. I followed suit. He didn't bet before the flop and I thought he had two 8s or a small pair going in. I was wrong. He had J, 10. When I turned my cards over, the table gasped. I had him, until a Queen fell on the River and he made a straight. It was I who was walking back to Houston. I dragged my way back to the Tropicana in a haze, but T.J. was right, Big Slick would have made or finished my tournament. That's the way the book is though. It is a play-by-play analysis of what one should be doing during tournament Hold'em play and I thought it incredibly valuable. It's much better than the Sklansky books as it's not as tight and I found it to be infinitely more realistic. It adapts to the changing conditions of play. Another thing I'd like to mention is that Tom McEvoy has to be one of the most underrated of all the pros. You know, he won the World Series of Poker back in 1983 but he is not given any coverage by ESPN. He really deserves an expose. Tom's point of view is quite valuable and I enjoyed the insights he shared, independent of T.J.'s. I have to state that the book is worth the money that you'll pay. If you want to save a few bucks, it's available from the z shops. All the buyers that I've made purchases from have been reliable. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The best I have yet read on Limit Hold'em By Customer This book is first-rate. The best I have yet read on Limit Hold'em.

Hard-hitting hold'em the way it's played today in both limit cash games and tournaments. Get killer advice on how to win more money in rammin'-jammin' games, kill-pot, jackpot, shorthanded, and other cash games, plus tournament strategies for small buy-in, big buy-in, rebuy, incremental add-on, satellite and big-field major tournaments. Players learn the thinking process for the pre-flop, flop, turn and river including play-by-play analyses. Specific advice for rocks in tight games, weaklings in loose games, experts in solid games, how hand values change, when players should fold, check, raise, reraise, check-raise, slowplay, and bluff. Wow!

Championship Hold'em shows you how to play and think like an expert. -- Erik Seidel, 1994 and 1992 WSOP Hold'em World Champion
McEvoy is the master teacher for serious students of poker. -- Ken Buntjer, author of How to Win Big at Poker Tournaments
About the Author Tom McEvoy won the title of World Poker Champion at the 1983 World Series of Poker. He is the author of 8 poker books and writes "Tournament Talk" for Card Player magazine
T.J. Cloutier has won four titles at the World Series of Poker. Card Player magazine named him 2002 Player of the Year. He is widely recognized as the best tournament poker player in the world.