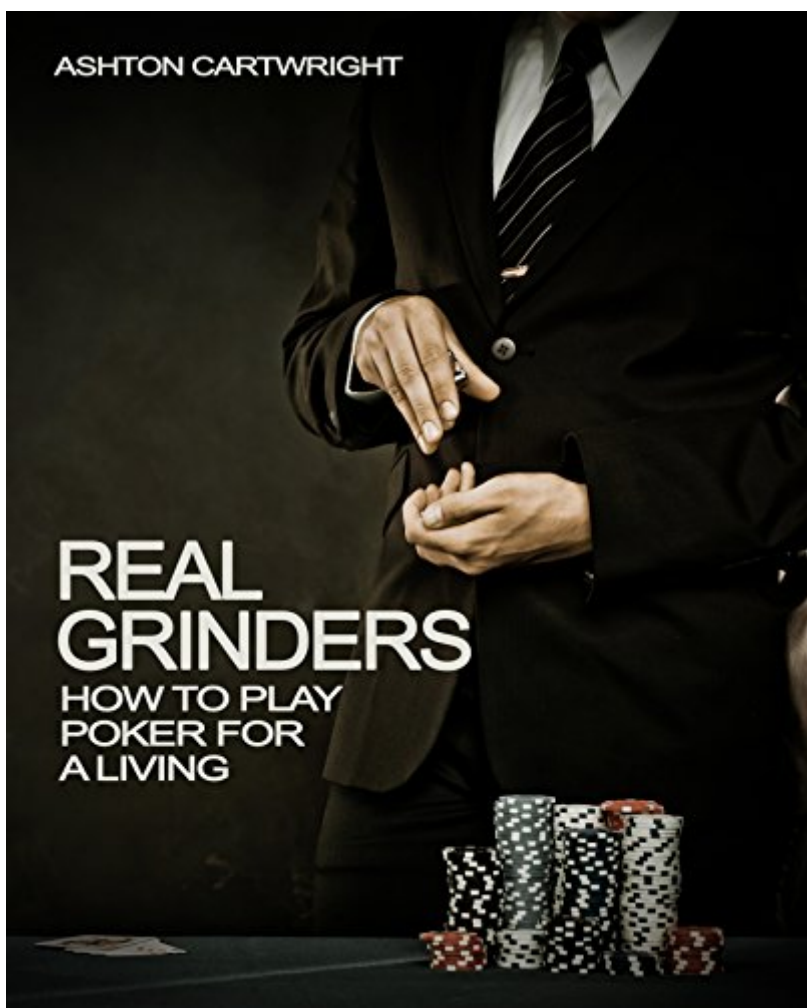


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# Real Grinders: How To Play Poker For A Living



## Synopsis

Three years in the making. Six different countries. Twenty eight professional poker players. All of them Real Grinders. If you've ever wanted to know if you have what it takes to be a professional poker player, now is your chance to find out. We've brought together some of the best pro players from around the world to talk about what it's like playing poker for a living; the good parts, the bad parts, the successes, and the challenges. Everything that separates the winners from the losers in a game where fortunes can be won or lost on the turn of a card, and a level head and a quick wit control the table. Some of the players in this book include: Aaron Mordey Alan McMaster Alek Givotovsky Alexander Antonios Ashley Warner Ashton Cartwright Brett • brett\_threat • Chalhoub Bryan Huang (Pokerstars Pro) Chris Lee Cole • TopKat5757 • Swannack Didier • didibearr • Guerin Grant Levy Jackie "Jackstar" Glazier (888 Pro) Jackson Zheng Jacky Wang Kahle Burns Mathew Brown Octavian Voegelé Oliver • Talerric • Swoop AE • Gill Patrick • pmahoney22 • Mahoney Paul Hockin Rory Young Ryan Laplante Slava Sheynin Tom • winga699 • Wing Victor Teng, and more. Real Grinders. Professional poker doesn't get more real than this.

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## Customer Reviews

I had a hard time determining a fair number of stars to give this book. I enjoyed it, but feel it "delivers" on its premise to a very limited extent. I ultimately felt 4 stars was a more fair rating than 3, as I believe some of my expectations, as indicated below, might be a bit out of whack with the book's premise.

What I liked:-Taste of the pro poker lifestyle from a variety of perspectives.-Uniform question format allows you to see trending issues and common challenges the range of players face.-Many participants went above and beyond to provide detailed answers, and really drill down into their experiences and practices, which did tend to compensate for some of the respondents addressed in my comments below.

What I disliked:-Uniform question format also proved useless in cases where participants provided short answers lacking any depth and providing little in the form of the information that would be expected from the question posed.-No follow up was done on participants that provided limited responses. One respondent in particular, when asked what he does to keep his skills sharp, said "I don't do any of those things" (He was referring to the example responses which are "Books, Training Videos.." among a few other standard examples. I understand this participant many not read books or watch videos, that is fine, but WHAT DO YOU DO if you don't do those things? To not follow up when you get a worthless answer is not only frustrating to readers, but devalues the book as a whole. If it doesn't provide value to the reader, either follow up to further develop the response or don't include the entire participant's "contribution".-I appreciate that the participants were both accessible to the author and consistently profitable, but I really do question the inclusion of some of them into the book considering some of their responses. This does tie in with a previous point, but a few of them were so unimpressive and provided so little information that it was almost annoying and made you actually question why you just spent a few minutes reading what they had to say. That should have been considered more and edited accordingly.

Conclusion and Suggestions:Real Grinders? Yes. How to play poker for a living? Yes and no.If this premise were to be adequately addressed, would have been nice to see a summary list at end of each interview with suggestions, recommended books/videos/coaches/forums, best practices, etc based on that particular response in order to provide key takeaways. An aggregate list at the end of the book with the most common

recommendations would have made this book a huge hit in the community of players that are on the fence about committing full time. While the book overall was enjoyable, and did provide some very useful anecdotes, tips, expectations and a solid sample of the grinder lifestyle, I would have gladly paid twice what I paid for it to see responses with more depth, as well as some of the suggestions in the previous paragraph. If you are interested in playing poker full time and want get a taste, this book will deliver. As I said previously, there are a few participants in the book that provide so much value to the reader they carry the book in themselves, as they provide POVs and tips you might not easily find doing a quick forum search. For the price, I would recommend it!

Won't help your game but a fun read.

Compilation of answers to a questionnaire that author sent to various poker players. Useful to hear opinions from grinders.

It enjoyed this book. It gave very specific ways to improve my game. easy reading and very helpful in many areas.

An honest book about the real lives of poker players, in their own words. Good insight into the minds of successful gamblers.

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Great real life interviews

The majority of positive reviews on this book must have been written by the author's friends or family members. Pay attention to the negative reviews, because most of them are pretty spot on. To summarize: 1. The title of this book is VERY misleading. This book is nothing more than a collection of interviews from random Australian pros that no one outside of Australia has ever heard of. You will not learn what it takes to be a poker pro from this book. In fact, you probably won't even be inspired to try after reading this book (Unless "advice" such as, "Don't start now, it's too late." is the type of thing that inspires you. Yes, I took that line directly from the book.) 2. The interview questions are the same throughout the entire book, so you're reading the same questions over and over, but with different answers. 194 pages of this. 3. Anyone who has read even a single article on what it's

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