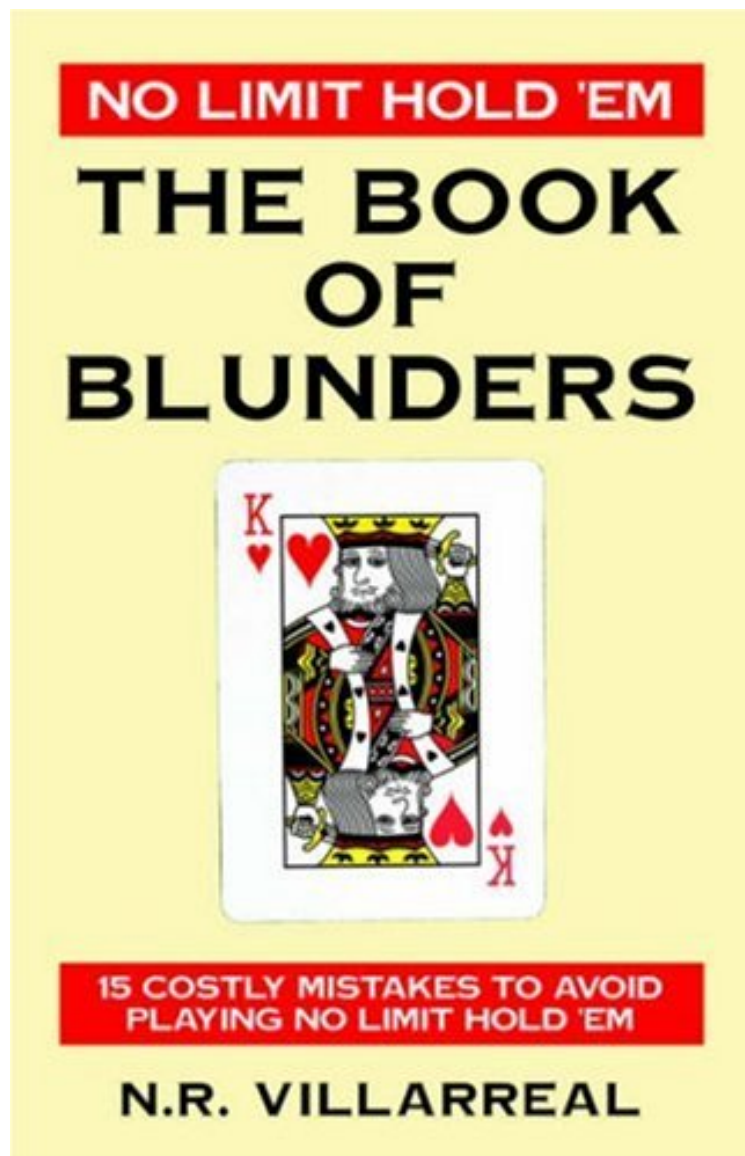


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MAKE LESS MISTAKES AND IMPROVE YOUR GAMEYou have been playing fantastic all night. You have a mountain of chips in front of you. Your buddies surround you, congratulating you on your best night ever. Then you look down and see two black aces! This must really be your night! You smile to yourself and think of all the fun you will have spending your winnings and one terrifying minute later you see all of your chips getting pushed to your opponent. It happened so quickly that you are not sure of anything, except the fact that after playing great for hours you now have nothing to show for it. All of your chips are gone and all it took was one big mistake. What happened? This is the nature of No Limit Texas Hold 'Em. All of your chips are at risk on every hand. Every mistake is magnified. Every decision is important. At any moment you can lose everything but so can your opponents. Often the player that makes the least mistakes wins. This book details 15 of the most common mistakes found at the poker table. By avoiding these mistakes, you will be able to win more money on a more consistent basis. You will be able to avoid putting your chips into losing situations. You will immediately see when your opponents are making critical playing mistakes and punish them by taking all of their chips! This book is also loaded with tips and techniques that will help improve your game immediately. It doesn't matter if you play cash games or tournaments, recreational or for serious cash, this book will make you a better poker player.

About the Author N.R. Villarreal has made a living playing No Limit Texas Hold 'Em all across the world. He plays all forms of poker proficiently; cash games and tournaments, live and on-line and now he is ready to share his years of experience and knowledge with you. Although he has been teaching students as a private instructor for years, "No Limit Hold 'Em: The Book of Blunders" is his first in a series of instructional books. Excerpt. Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved. (Selected excerpt from "No Limit Hold 'Em: The Book of Blunders")

ANALYSIS OF HAND #5

NO LIMIT HOLD 'EM is set up to take advantage of weak players. Many top players are just looking for an opportunity to put an opponent to the test if and when they show weakness. After a nice bet on the flop, Fish showed weakness on both the turn and river. He was essentially begging for this pot to be taken away from him when the third club came on the river. First of all, you should never bet less on the turn than you did on the flop. This is screaming to everyone at the table that you are worried about the strength of your hand. In NLH, if a tough opponent thinks you doubt the strength of your hand, they will put you to the test every time. To further the point, betting the same amount on the turn as you did the flop is also weak. Besides that, what kind of hand could Ted have called the flop with? If he had an over-pair, wouldn't he have likely raised pre-flop or at least on the flop? If he had a set or 54 for two pair he would have also likely raised to cut off the draws...remember that on the flop he still had to worry about Hal hanging around and Hal would have had good odds to call if he was on a flush draw. So we can reasonably put Ted on a draw or a medium pair. It is always good to be putting your opponent on a range of possible hands throughout the entire course of play. You must always be thinking of what your opponent might be holding so you can attack accordingly. When Ted senses weakness, he probably sees an opportunity to give himself more outs. What that means is that Ted might decide right now that if the club flush comes on the river and Fish checks it to him, he is going to put Fish to the test with a big bet. It is always important to be thinking one and two steps ahead of the play of the game so your bets appear natural and it is harder to pick off your bluffs. Ted really can't be sure that Fish isn't betting a flush draw himself (his smaller bet on the turn actually looks like it could be a weak semi-bluff) but Ted can be sure that if Fish is betting his flush draw, and it hits on the river, Fish will bet out instead of checking. So now Ted might feel that he can win with any 3, any 8 or any club if Fish checks the club. When the club falls on the river, Fish seals his fate by checking. Now Ted fires out \$1500, an amount that is five times the size of the turn bet. Fish can only shake his head and curse his bad luck. He is now looking at a board with two over-cards and three clubs. He might think that there is a chance his pair of tens are good, but he would be basically betting his entire tournament on it. He folds and hopes for a better opportunity. Could Ted be trapping here? Not likely but not impossible either...however you have to take your chances to go far in tournaments and this is a perfect situation to make an aggressive bet to pick up a decent pot.