A fearless gambler who got breast implants to win a $100,000 bet. A hard-core dice shooter who turned a borrowed stake of $10,000 into $17 million. A marketing genius who developed a line for selecting winners of NFL football games--and had his 4-year-old son make the picks. These are some of the characters that populate Michael Koniks The Man With the $100,000 Breasts and Other Gambling Stories, a collection of the renowned gambling writers best magazine pieces. Konik, the long-time gambling columnist for Cigar Aficionado, ushers readers into the arena of risk and reward, introducing them to the subculture of high rollers, hustlers, professional card counters, horse handicappers, and poker champions. These stories take you to the final table of the World Series of Poker where a $1 million prize awaits the winner, to a secret golf course reserved for the biggest gamblers in Las Vegas, and to the inner sanctum of an
international bookmaking operation. Konik profiles Americas greatest golf hustler and most accomplished blackjack cheat. He reveals the best and worst games in the casino. And he shares some of his own hilarious attempts at achieving gambling nirvana. Entertaining and stylish, The Man With the $100,000 Breasts and Other Gambling Stories is a literary look inside the world of gambling.

I have probably given this book out as presents to at least a half dozen people since its release. Although I dont want to jump on the person who gave the book 3*, they were completely missing the point.

This book was ranked #2 on the Wall Street Journals list of the 5 best books on gambling.

This book opens up with the ultimate risk taker, Brian Zembic. A man who will take a bet on everything, and lives up to it. To be perfectly honest, as mentioned, it only takes up about 10-15% of the book, but I dont want it to take up more. As one of the other 5* reviewers said, the worst part of the book is that it stops.

We read bios on Trump, Walsh, Jordan, and Woods, but here we read mini-bios on a different style of person. Andrew Beyer, Roxy Roxborough, Archie Karas, Johnny Moss. You read about how odds are made, how blackjack is played, and how comps get you paid. Poker, Horse Racing, Backgammon, Sports Betting, Blackjack... on and on... But dont think its just about this, they are stories that put you inside, and you dont want to leave.

Obviously the book leans towards people who enjoy the art of gambling, but also to those curious about why they dont gamble. My favorite story in the book is the very last one, The Hand Thats Dealt. Konik knows how to paint a picture with words. The story takes place at a poker table, but its the furthest thing from a poker story.

Overall, without a doubt, Excellent.

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