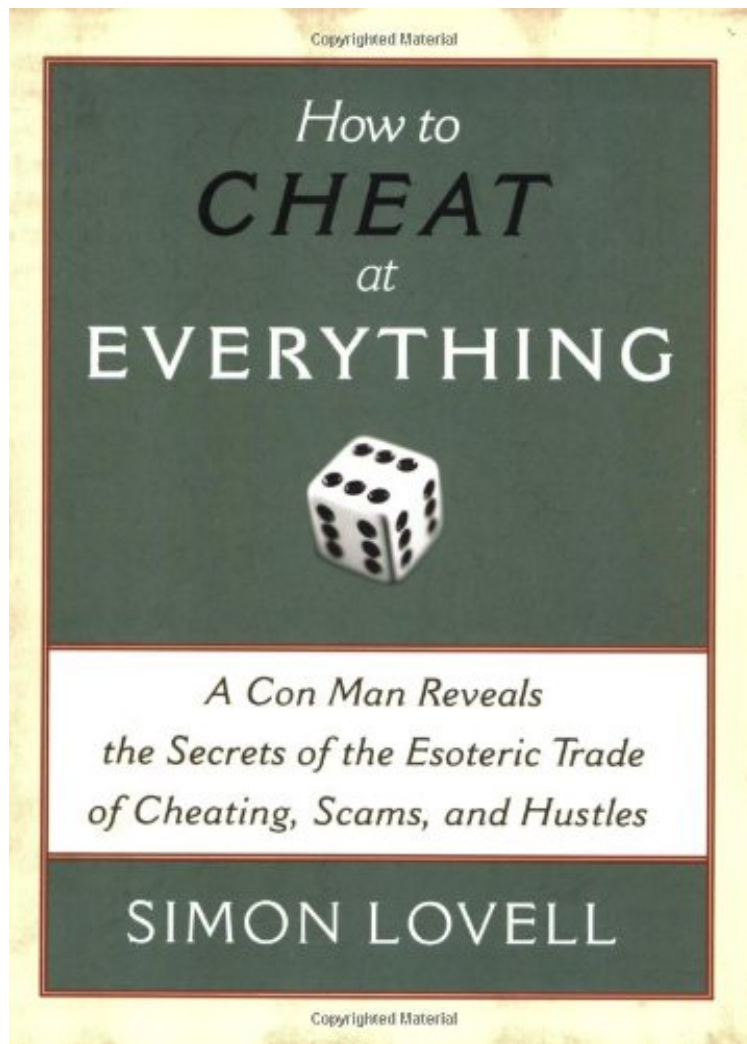


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4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Uneven, good overallBy YAThe book covers a lot of ground in the area of scams, cons, etc. It works best when dealing with traditional topics, such as bar, carnival, or card games. It's a little bit weaker when dealing with Internet scams. It does not cover at all the types of scams perpetrated by large

financial corporations, foundations, utility companies, etc, which are ironically probably the most significant. The book could use a better editor. I found the infatuation the author seems to have for the scam artist who reveals most of the secrets described in the book a bit off-putting. This said, the descriptions of the scams/cons are precise and eye-opening. I picked this book because I wanted a reference of common types of scams and cons, so I could teach my children to protect themselves when they grow up. In this regard, the book did not disappoint. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. a fun quick read By reader And a lesson in how cons are put together. For all us potential victims, it just raises your awareness of how many ways there are that these guys can rope you into doing something really dumb. Very entertaining and very informative. Great section on how to calculate the odds of a bet yourself: worth the price of the book just for this. Get it. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. How to cheat By Kindle Customer This is a book that everyone needs to read and reread again so that they will be better prepared in case of someone is trying to con them out of their money.

Gambling is more popular than ever, with multi-million dollar poker tournaments on television, gambling themed movies like *Rounders* gaining in popularity, and casinos opening in just about every state of the U.S. *How to Cheat at Everything* is a roller-coaster ride through bar bets, street hustles, carnivals, Internet fraud, big and small cons, card and dice games and more. You'll even find the exact frauds that the NYPD regard as the most common and dangerous today, and learn top tips on how to avoid each one. This inside information comes from Lovell's lifetime of experience in the field, along with additional information from both sides of the law. Not just a "here's how the con works" book; this guides you through the set up, the talk, the sell, everything about the con, and how you can be suckered into one. If you think that you can't be conned; then you are already halfway to being so! There is no preaching here, just a fun ripping ride through a world so few know about. You'll meet wild, eccentric and larcenous characters and you'll learn how they work their money-making deeds, all without having to risk a penny of your own money.

From Booklist From magician and reformed con-man Lovell comes this seemingly comprehensive guide to cheating with props, cards, numbers, coins, telephones, sleight of hand, dice, and more. The book is written with an impish grin (hey, we all know you wouldn't do this stuff, but here's how to do it, just hypothetically) and features dozens of hustles that anyone can perform, with a little practice. Most depend on a simple trick--when you bet that a tossed paper match will land on its edge, the trick is to bend the match in the middle first--but there are some that depend on elegance of execution, or on selling the mark a story (like "work at home" schemes or e-mails offering to enhance parts of the anatomy). For those who are willing to accept the larcenous premise, this is a thoroughly fascinating and even charming book, chock-full of fun and adventure. David Pitt Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved About the Author Simon Lovell is a magician, former con man, and professional card cheat. Currently he stars in the one-man Off-Broadway show *Strange and Unusual Hobbies*. He is the author of seventeen books, has produced 14 videos and 5 DVDs on the subject of cheating, and has lectured to both police and casino operatives on the subject of cheating. For more information, visit his web site, www.simonlovell.com.