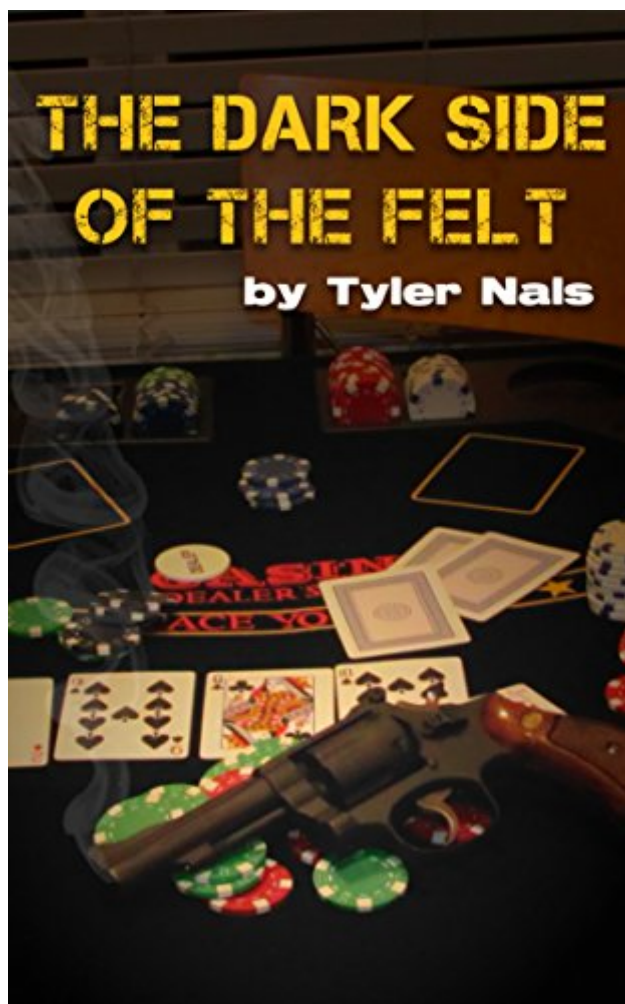


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# The Dark Side Of The Felt



## Synopsis

Update: This is currently being written as a screenplay (not by me) due to potential interest. That doesn't mean it will sell, but if it does, I hope it will be enjoyed by the poker community. If this goes to the screen, it will be very different than the book, with a female lead who is also a hustler. It will also be low budget, so don't expect anything amazing. As far as the book goes, most readers are hooked from *The Mansion* on. So ... be patient. Based on feedback, the second half of the book is better than the first half. You know those guys who play poker for millions of dollars on television? I'm not one of those guys. Instead, I risked my life on a nightly basis playing in underground poker games on Long Island and in Charlotte. This story is about how I managed to survive, but just barely.

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## Customer Reviews

I'm not much into playing casino games. Whenever I went into one (usually on trips with my mom and stepdad), I'd stick to the slots. My late stepdad was the card playing type and loved to play table games in particular. Despite not being interested in or knowing a lick about poker myself, I still love a thrilling story. I was captivated with *The Dark Side of the Felt* from the beginning, as the stakes got

higher and moments more tense with each chapter and section, both at and away from the poker table. It was fast-paced and tense throughout, mixing in drama and humor and action in a wonderfully entertaining cocktail that served up imaginative surprises and made it hard to close the book before finishing. The most surprising aspect of the writing though, and one I really appreciate, is how the author incorporates poker lingo into the story. Before reading it, I thought it would slow the story down for me or bore me to the point of forcing me to skip over paragraphs just to make it through to the end of the book. Like I said before, I'm not a poker aficionado or interested in the game at all... But the lingo didn't bother me or get in the way of my enjoyment, either. I could still tell whether or not the narrator had a good hand and it didn't serve as a speedbump in the way while reading. Highly recommended! You'll be entertained from the first page until the last.

This book was thrilling and had me on the edge of my seat quite a few times while reading! Edgy and well written, this story takes you on a rollercoaster ride from beginning to end. Tyler Nals has completely blown me away once again and I'm definitely excited for more out of this versatile and all the way around incredible author! If you're looking for a new read that's exciting and edgy, I highly recommend you get this book!

I have never gone to a casino or gambled on anything more than a lottery ticket every week. I never understood the draw to a casino was so big for other people, then I read this book. I'd say that there is an adrenaline rush that makes a person looking for a new rush. The Dark Side of the felt explained uses humor and drama to paint the life of an underground gambler, and draw the reader into the story. The twists came quickly and made me want to read more waiting and waiting for another twist, another resolution. As a non poker player, I didn't relate well, but I think someone who knows poker will appreciate this book. There was good story behind the poker story, I was just interested in the poker long enough to see how it fed the next scenario. If you're a poker player you'll enjoy this book, but if not the poker doesn't take away from the rest of the story, the drama, the humor will engage you.

This is an enjoyable book whether or not you like poker. The narrator starts playing underground poker games, and as one leads to the next the stakes get higher and more dangerous. Good characterization and dialog, enjoyable plot but at the same time, it's easy to pick up the book at any time and read just a few pages since each tournament the narration participates in is can also stand on its own.

This is not just for poker players! Let me make that clear. Poker players will love it, yes! But, you don't have to be a poker player to enjoy the harrowing tales in this book. Some things in life are just compelling in life and we pursue them. If there is anything in life you have a passion for, you will relate to this book completely. And, by the way, if your passion happens to be poker, this is the perfect book for you!

"The Dark Side of the Felt" is about a man's journey through the world of underground poker. The main character details his many experiences playing underground games, including a game held in a twenty-something's parent's garage as everyone smoked weed (it became a factor during the game). The author has a knack for writing in a way that transfers the humor of the situation to the reader, and I found myself laughing out loud a number of times. The stories are engaging, and the author does a good job of capturing the suspense of the game. It's clear he knows poker like the back of his hand. Recommended if you want a fun, humorous book about the life of an underground poker player!

This suspenseful novel is a fiction but it is based on the author's experiences. Not sure how much he embellished but it all seems in the realm of possibility, sometimes fact is stranger than fiction! I really enjoyed the first person narrative as it gets you into the head of the character and helps add a realness to the situations. I've read a few other books by Mr. Nals and one thing I've come to expect and enjoy is his philosophical and introspective views on people and also the world around the characters. I was not disappointed with this book as it brought that same contemplative viewpoint I was hoping for. The world of underground poker is not for the faint hearted but definitely for the risk takers and gamblers. For now I'll just enjoy reading about it in books like this.

I'm fairly certain I just read a bit of nonfiction in disguise. And now I want to go play poker. My list of vices seems to be lacking and poker, as I read it here, would fill it out nicely. But it's so risky. I may not have the nerve for it. Both the allure and the danger of the game are brought into sharp relief in this tale that reads like an extract from someone's life. It's undeniably exciting. From the opening friendly game in a garage to the next in the South Bronx, and another down South in Charlotte and then Florida, and finally The Mansion, this story will raise your own desires along with Tyler's, our gambling narrator. Every new game brings a new set of characters, and, I swear, they

seem too quirky to be fiction. I suspect some gamblers on the circuit are going to recognize themselves and few others as well. The dialogue was fast, engaging, and often hilarious, and this was made more so by the names attributed. A couple of the most memorably funny: The Kid Who Ran The Joint, Rambo, and iPad Man. The book is funny, it's thrilling, it's exciting, but it also draws upon something many of us know well: the prospect of making our rent in one night rather than a week. There's not a bartender, cocktail server, blackjack dealer, or stripper alive who doesn't understand this. Why work at minimum wage when you can make as much in one night as a week? But we're all playing it safe. To get the thrill of this book, you have to add genuine risk. You have to gamble your life and everything you hold dear for the chance you'll make half your mortgage in tournament. That's a big bet, and a nerve jangling wager. But don't expect anything trite or conventional in this book. The Dark Side of the Felt is a lot of things, but it is not predictable.

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