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# Straight Flush: The True Story Of Six College Friends Who Dealt Their Way To A Billion-Dollar Online Poker Empire--and How It All Came Crashing Down . . .



## Synopsis

The larger-than-life true tale of how a few frat brothers from Montana turned a weekly poker game in a dive bar into one of the most lucrative online companies in history based on extensive insider interviews, Ben Mezrich—bestselling author of *The Accidental Billionaires* and *Bringing Down the House*—chronicles the creation of AbsolutePoker.com, including the company's initial operations in the jungle paradise of Costa Rica where its founders lived an outrageous lifestyle of girls, parties, and money; and of the gray area of U.S. and international law in which they created an industry. Soon, the U. S. Department of Justice was gunning for them. . . . Should they fold—or double down and ride their hot hand? Impossible to put down, *Straight Flush* is an exclusive, never-before-seen look at one of the wildest business stories of the Internet age.

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Ben Mezrich's new book, "Straight Flush," is a gigantic literary fraud foisted upon the reading public by an author with a decade-long history of fudging the details. This represents his most extreme effort in that regard, a bald and phony retelling of the Absolute Poker story from, as Mezrich himself disclaims, the "point of view" of the U. of Montana fratboys who founded the company. With a single deft phrase, Mezrich thus shields himself from the 300 pages of garbage he then proceeds to spew. The problem is, the actions of those same fratboys were criminal, even if only one of them (Brent Beckley) currently sits in prison, while the primary founder, Beckley's stepbrother Scott Tom, remains on the Caribbean island of Antigua rather than face the charges still pending against him. In

"Straight Flush", Mezrich willingly recounts the fratboys' paper-thin lies while glorifying a decade or more of juvenile, sexist debauchery, punctuated by "ian" fantasies and re-imagined dialogue so horrific it could've come from an R-rated version of The Secret Lives of Dobie Gillis where all the women don't actually have names. Mezrich's rapid discarding of any facts that don't fit his whitewashing of the AP tale represent the most horrid example of literary amorality to be published in recent years.

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