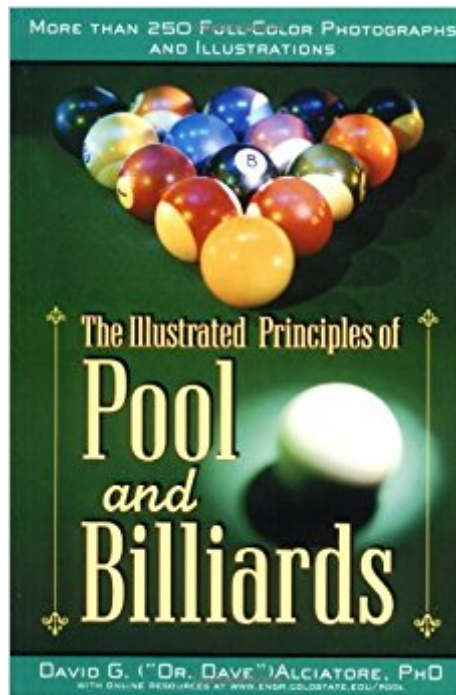




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# The Illustrated Principles Of Pool And Billiards



## Synopsis

Master one of the world's most popular games with the help of a mechanical engineering professor who has a passion for pool. More than 80 principles of the game, presented with 250-plus precisely scaled illustrations and photographs, offer players of all levels a thorough overview of the fundamentals of 8-ball and 9-ball, including grip and stance, basic shots, position play and strategy, bank and kick shots, and advanced techniques such as carom and jump shots. Organized for quick study, this must-have guide features extensive cross-references and is supplemented with video clips, interesting mathematical formulas, and other resources also available at [www.engr.colostate.edu/pool](http://www.engr.colostate.edu/pool).

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I stumbled across Dr. Dave's website via the American Poolplayer Association website a few weeks ago. The free advice Dr. Dave gives on that website was invaluable, particularly the 30 and 90 degree rules. Both were concepts I was intuitively aware of, but never understood from a physics perspective. When I saw that Dr. Dave had a book coming out, I knew it was going to be just what I always wanted. From simple tips for fundamentals to the physics behind complex ball effects, this book has it all, and makes it easy to follow. That fact that it's all grounded in math and physics makes it even more appealing. And the clear, concise writing style and understandable diagrams are icing on the cake. I'd recommend this to anyone who loves pool and wonders why the balls do what they do. Personally, I'm going to browbeat both of my pool teams into buying copies.

This book is exceptionally good. It's also WAY cheaper than it should be. It easily beats the other billiard books that I looked at. I luckily ran across this book while looking at (and reading!) many, many other books in the local "Large Popular Bookstore", and I'm glad that I chose this one. This is my first billiard book, and probably my last. It starts at the basics and goes through to the advanced topics. The book is very well written and the diagrams are superb and concise. The online content that he provided on his website is just icing on the cake. I also bought the DVD that contains all of the videos on his website, along with additional commentary, based on the quality of his book. If you're deciding on which billiard book to get, this should be the one. I strongly recommend this book.

"The Illustrated Principles of Pool and Billiards" should be on every pool player's shelf. It is simply the best pool book ever written. It is very thorough, covering all aspects of the game, including advanced techniques. It is also very well illustrated with photos and drawings on every page, and the numerous examples help provide insight. (...) The video demonstrations posted there have helped me improve my game dramatically. They help the book come to life, and the high-speed videos are very cool. Dr. Dave has done a great job and has given the pool world a great resource. I highly recommend this book.

This book is a fantastic reference that clearly shows what's happening with all of the basic and extended factors in executing & planning pool shots. Great graphics make it easy to visualize what is going on. Free, super on-line videos nicely supplement the book (but read the book first). Far superior to any other book I have seen on the subject.

Whether you are learning the game or competing at a top level, this book will help you play better pool. For a seasoned pool player, most instructional books are simply review of fundamentals and ideas learned long ago, and offer only an elementary accounts and largely inaccurate explanations of the physics of pool, as if billiards balls were air-hockey pucks and not spinning spheres on cloth. Hooray! This book is different. Written by a mechanical engineering with a gift for teaching, this guide beautifully describes and illustrates nitty-gritty details that translate directly to real world pool. In particular, this book helped me better understand English, deflection, throw, effective pocket size, ball-rail interactions, banking systems, safeties, and pattern play. Plus, the author has enhanced the teaching process via dozens of free online example videos which I highly recommend. Given the discounted price it's offered here, I feel that I should send an extra donation to the author. My game

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This book is great. I learned just a few things that are worth the price of the book. I used to be a decent pool player when I was young. But I would have been much better had I known what is in this book. My only problem is finding the time to practice this info.

Amazing book to help grasp the concepts of pool. Started by enjoying a game or two not knowing the rules, and rarely making shots I wanted...picked up the book and visited local billiards hall alone to practice. Nearly every single visit people greeted me wowed by how precise I was in my first weeks. Took no lessons from anyone except the books, and joined APA shortly thereafter. Love pool, could spend hours, if not days playing without breaks, beat several high level players from my knowledge the book gave me.

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