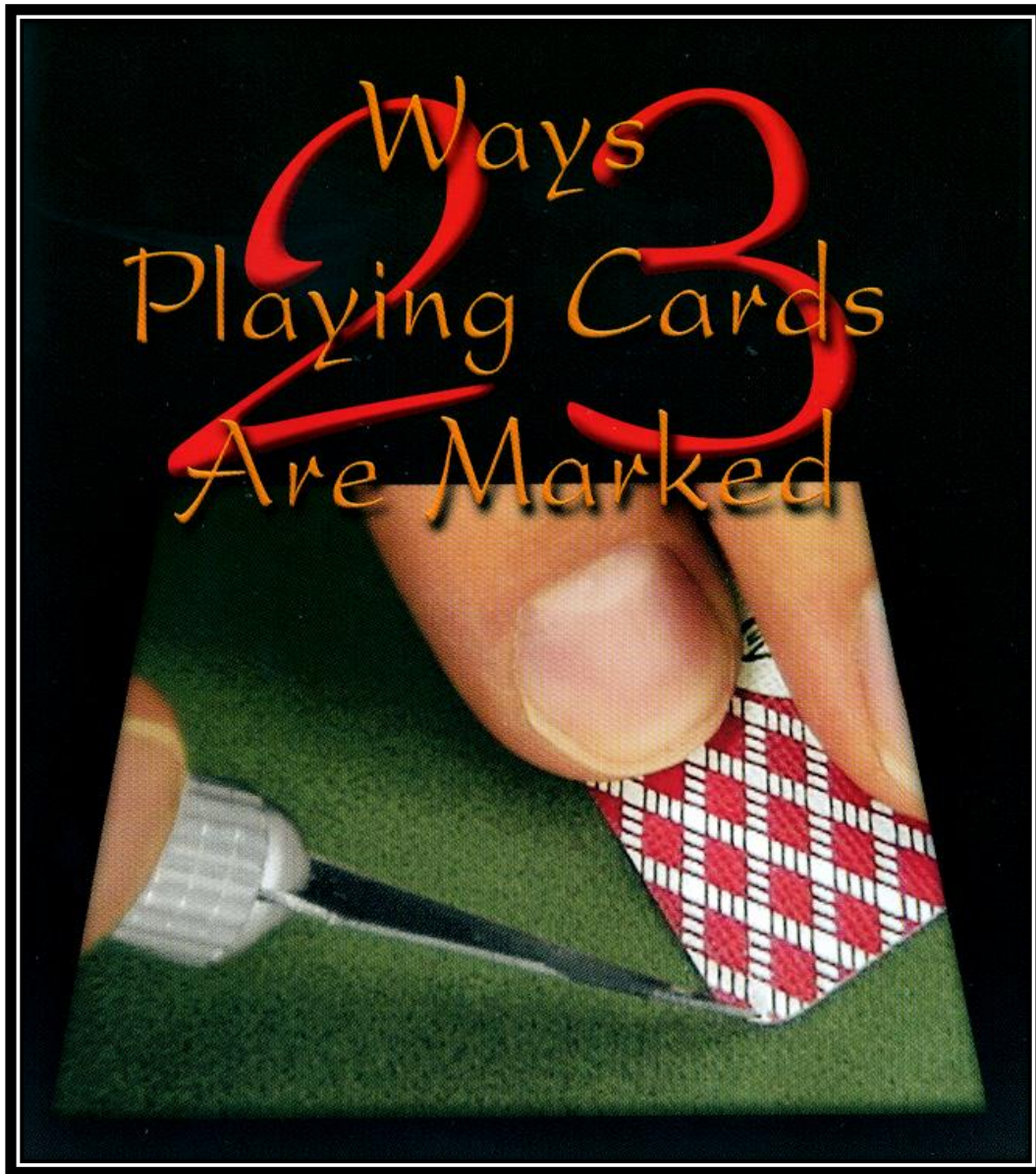


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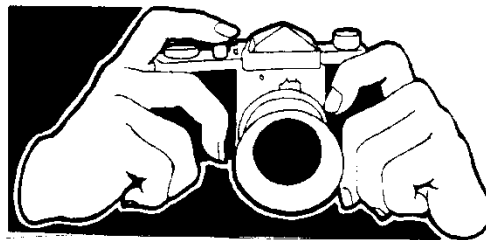


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MARKED CARDS

Try to imagine what it would be like to be seated at a casino blackjack table and have x-ray vision. You would always know ahead of time what the dealer's hole card was. You would always know ahead of time when to hit or stand, double down, or surrender.

Needless to say a person who possessed this ability would soon be on his or her way to becoming a millionaire. The frightening part is that some players *can* and *do* read the dealer's hole card, and they know exactly what the card about to be dealt is going to be. No, they do not have x-ray vision. This feat is accomplished with the use of a marked deck of playing cards.

This now raises the question, "Where did the marked cards come from, and how were they able to enter onto a casino Blackjack game?"

There are several ways in which these marked playing cards could have ended up on a casino table, and that is what this book is all about.