



CRACKED ACES

A caper comedy by Jeff Zampino

THE GAME

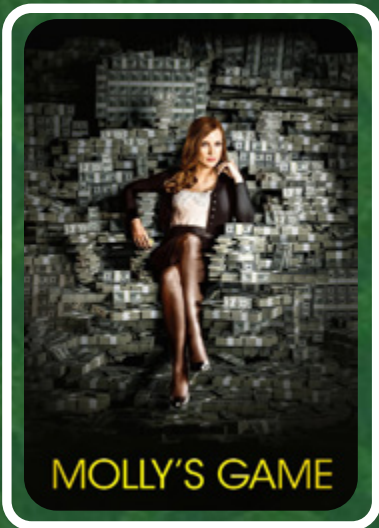
After he accidentally defeats a mobster's daughter in a high-stakes tournament, a lone-wolf poker player must go all-in with a fiery brothel madam, a geriatric showgirl, and an unhinged Girl Scout in a madcap gamble to win back his life.

In a nutshell: Logan Lucky. In Vegas. With Poker.



THE BOARD

Comparable titles with similar elements

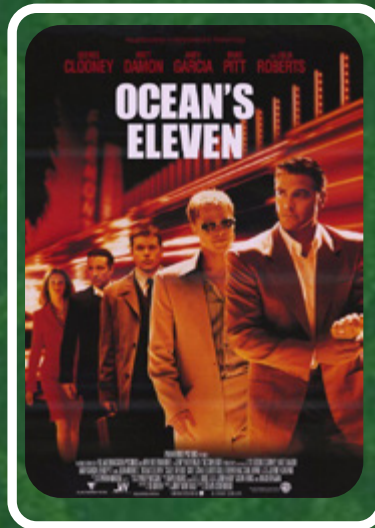


view into the
poker world



quirky ensemble characters

heist/caper



setting and dialogue



mob/crime component

comedic tone



poker games

final game against
antagonist



THE PLAYERS

Casting selections are meant as archetypes and do not indicate a formal attachment

TOMMY

Rat-Pack cool with a million-watt smile. A poker virtuoso, he gives tourists a Vegas Experience while relieving them of their bankroll.

He's excellent at talking himself out of (and into) trouble.



RYAN EGGOLD



Jake McDORMAN

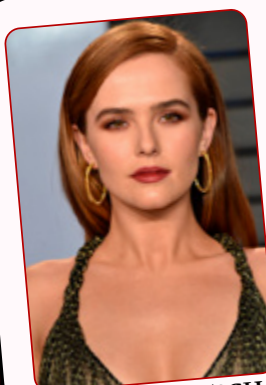


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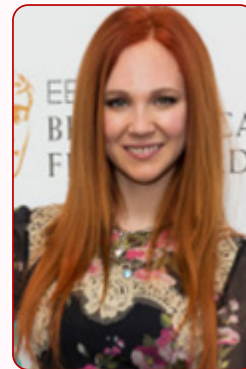
VICTORIA

The fiery owner of Pahrump's grandest brothel and Tommy's ex-flame.

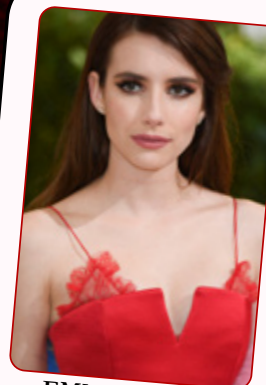
Tempting and tempestuous, 'V' can be the woman of your dreams ... or nightmares.



ZOEY DEUTSCH



JUNO TEMPLE



EMMA ROBERTS



KAZIMIR

A notorious Russian mobster and gunrunner, Kazimir is also a doting father.

His spoiled daughter longs to be a poker star, and what Liliya wants, Liliya gets.

JASON MANTZOUKAS

JEFF GOLDBLUM

JASON ALEXANDER

KEVIN POLLAK

GEORGE CLOONEY

POSEIDON

Self-professed poker legend and small-time loan shark, Poseidon has had his claws in Tommy's family for years.

Ruthless and arrogant, he saves the actual knee-breaking for his bargain-basement henchman, Niko.



CATALINA

Adorably unhinged, Catalina is equally happy to sell a box of Girl Scout Cookies, or curb stomp a fool.

She loves puppies, old (80s) movies, and making you wish you were never born.



STEVE NUÑEZ

MICHAEL PEÑA

GIZMO

Fast-talking and fast-driving, Gizmo is the perfect wheelman.

Jovial and carefree, he's a ray of sunshine over the dark storm that is his daughter, Catalina.



THE STAKES



Virtuoso poker player, TOMMY borrows twenty large from his berserk loan shark, POSEIDON, for a high-stakes tournament.

The deal: If he cashes, they split the winnings, and he's free forever.

If he loses ... well, you get the idea.

After Tommy claws his way to the final table, KAZIMIR, a Russian mobster, advises him to throw the game, so his pampered daughter, LILIYA can win.

Tommy likes his kneecaps, so he reluctantly agrees. But Lady Luck rears her ugly head, and Tommy gets an ill-timed miracle card and WINS!

Caught between a Russian and a hard place, he grabs the prize money and bolts - the goons (and Poseidon) hot on his heels.

A game of taxicab Three-Card Monte, an impenetrable vault, and a rescue/robbery with a taser-wielding tween—can Tommy and his crew's madcap plan turn the tables on his pursuers before they catch him and bury him in the desert?

(Hint: Nope.)



THE DEALER



Jeff's wife, Meg,
at the final table
of the 2017 WSOP
Women's Main Event.



At six years old, Jeff's novella, Hoppy, an epic hero's journey of a bunny in desperate search of a carrot, was critically acclaimed school-wide. ("Gold Star" ~ Mrs. Wheeler)

In college, he switched from novels to theater (with a Brit Lit minor, just in case), writing in a sketch comedy troupe with a bunch of drama nerds.

It wasn't until 2008 that Jeff—a lifelong movie fan—met a ragtag bunch of Florida filmmakers. After learning the trade, he switched to screenwriting following a bizarre accident plugging in a C-stand.

After writing and producing a handful of shorts, he decided setting money on fire was bad for the environment and turned to writing features. He completed his first screenplay, Fortune Street, in 2010.

Mercifully, his laptop was stolen, and the screenplay lost forever. ("Derivative, and yet still terrible" ~ Laptop Thief)

Today, Jeff lives in Las Vegas (people-watching capital of the world) and focuses on comedy features. He has completed several award-winning scripts, with many others in various states of disarray.



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