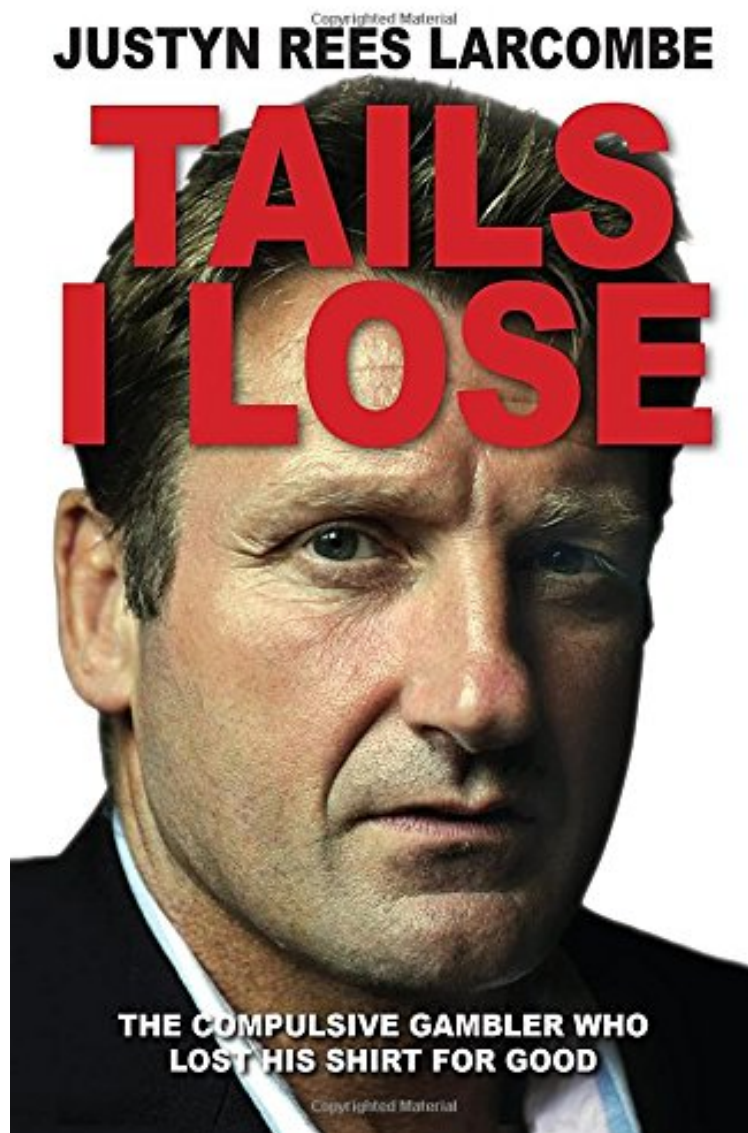


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Justyn Rees Larcombe : Tails I Lose: The Compulsive Gambler Who Lost His Shirt For Good before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Tails I Lose: The Compulsive Gambler Who Lost His Shirt For Good:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Nothing specialBy H JMore than half of the book is devoted just

to the main characters upbringing and non gaming experiences. By the the time the hard times of gambling occurs the description is just like reading a newspaper article. This would have been a nice buy as a used book, not as a new one. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. There's a winner here By Vicua This is a remarkable story about an ordinary man. It's told with heartfelt honesty without seeking sympathy. It's a story of loss, both emotional and financial, and regret but is ultimately a tale of love and hope. Justyn Rees Larcombe seemed to have it all. In many ways his childhood and schooling could be considered privileged as he received a boarding school education. His army career was a glittering success followed by high powered jobs in the City. A happy family man with a huge salary, fast car it's difficult to both imagine and understand how it all went so horribly wrong. He makes no excuse other than his own failing and weakness and doesn't attribute blame elsewhere. But what started as perhaps a bit of almost harmless fun seemed to trigger behaviours which took him out of control at breakneck speed. He was an online gambling addict and the compulsion to place bets soon became his primary focus in life. Savings soon disappeared and with cunning and duplicity, he was soon finding dishonourable ways to fund his habit. His account was at times heartbreaking; like watching a train crash and picking over the carnage. I was concerned that there might be a strong religious element to the story. But it's not an 'I've found God and now I'm saved' account at all. It's brutal in places. Not literally, but there's a great deal of emotional pain and he gives a highly readable account of the depths to which he sank and how those around were affected and reacted. As a biography, it's extraordinary. Mr Larcombe has no easy answers, but his clarity and insight can only be helpful to anyone wishing to gain an understanding of addictive behaviour. It's a different and compelling read and my thanks to the publisher for a review copy via NetGalley. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Tails I Lose By Damaskcat This is the heartfelt story of a man who threw away his career, his marriage and his house because he started gambling. The book makes clear that he did well at school and in the army and then working in re-insurance. He wasn't afraid of hard work and he deserved his success and all the material trappings which went with it. Then he had a disabled child and his job started to become boring and mundane and he turned to gambling. It seemed to me that he needed excitement in his life - which he'd obtained by non-destructive means up to that point. Instead of looking for a job which gave him more satisfaction and excitement. To me the book read as though he could not deal with ordinary every day life. He needed excitement in order to function and gambling is probably more accessible via the internet than it has ever been to people of his background. For a while he managed to hide his addiction - which he did not even consider to be an addiction at the time. Then when he started to lose large sums of money he spent his wife's money and started selling things to raise money as well as using his company credit card for personal expenditure. Anyone not an addict would have seen the danger at that point if they hadn't seen it before. In the end he couldn't borrow anymore money and had lost his job. His wife and her parents didn't want anything to do with him but his own family rallied round and helped him to get back on his feet and stop gambling. This is a cautionary tale for anyone who is gambling but feels they have it under control and for those relatives or friends who believe they know someone who is gambling. Has he learned his lesson? Yes it seems so but it seemed to me that he would always have a problem unless he learns to accept that not all life is exciting and that saying sorry however eloquently doesn't guarantee forgiveness and acceptance. There is a useful list of organisations which can help problem gamblers at the end of the book. I received a free copy of this book from NetGalley for review purposes.

A highly readable and engaging memoir from a man who had and lost everything, only to discover all he ever wanted in the embrace of a loving God. Justyn Rees Larcombe had everything. Successful in the world of re-insurance, he was being fast tracked for further promotion in a global company. He had amassed a large amount of wealth and all the trappings that went with it, including a big house and fast cars. He had a beautiful wife and three sons. And then he lost it all. Addicted to gambling, Justyn lost three quarters of a million pounds in three years. He spent his wife's money and even used his corporate credit card to fund his habit. It cost him his job, and then his wife, children, home, and reputation. Having barely escaped criminal prosecution, he reached rock bottom and considered suicide. In one final throw of the dice, Justyn returned to the God of his youth. It turned out to be the safest bet he had ever made through a miraculous and dramatic healing, he stopped gambling overnight. Today Justyn speaks widely about the dangers of gambling. God has restored much of what I lost and is continuing to do so, he explains. I am slowly dealing with the consequences of my habit.

"This is a most compelling account of the ups and downs of life, written with deep passion and total honesty". -- General the Lord Dannatt GCB CBE MC DL "Tails I Lose is a raw and fascinating account of Justyn's journey; from the high achieving Army and City, dedicated family man, who, despite living to the highest personal moral code, fell onto a path of personal despair and destruction. Gambling addiction seeps into every aspect of the gambler's life, and its ripple effect is felt by all those around the gambler. There is no mercy once the addiction takes over." -- Frankie Graham, the founder and director of Betknowmore (BKM UK) "Having worked, like Justyn, in the City environment and subsequently as a Trustee of Credit Action, an Advisor with The Citizens Advice Bureau and as Chairman of West Kent Debt Advice, I am familiar with the use and abuse of money, having experienced its temptations and seen its

devastating impact on people's lives. Justyn's book is a timely wake up call to all who believe they can beat the system and who think they are invulnerable." -- Graeme Connell, founder of West Kent Debt Advice

About the Author
Justyn Rees Larcombe is the son of the writer and speaker Jennifer Rees Larcombe and grandson of the evangelist Tom Rees. After a highly successful career in the British Army, Justyn had an equally glittering and well-rewarded career in the city.