

SYNOPSIS

Bringing down the House is written by Ben Mezrich, which tells about a group of Blackjack team which has existed before and looking for the MIT student who has high skill, especially in Mathematics. As for your information, Ben Mezrich has published six novels with a combined printing of more than a million copies in nine languages (Threshold, Reaper, Fertile, Ground, Skin, and under the name Holden Scott, Skeptic and The Carrier). *Bringing Down the House* is his seventh book and his first foray into nonfiction.

Actually it is based on the true story from a man, named *Jeff Ma*. After that, he asked to the writer to keep his real name change into Kevin Lewis. In this Case, Kevin Lewis is the main character in the novel. For the first time, Kevin is quiet person and study oriented, not only that he did not want to care with what happened in MIT, including how actually MIT Blackjack team is.

This novel also tells about MIT Blackjack team who has experienced in hitting the Casino in Las Vegas. The team is well organized team, so they can hit Las Vegas by beat the Blackjack. It means that there is no team who can compete with them because the team uses the basic strategy how to play Blackjack as well as possible. In addition, each member of the team is not an ordinary student who can join the team. In other words, we can say that the team has full exclusivity and many rules inside.

The story began when the teams were looking for the new member from fresh year students, who have high skill in mathematics. Because, Blackjack is related with Mathematics, is about card counting (count the possibility of card, win or lose). As qualified team, they need special person who can beat the blackjack well in order to join with the team. Unexpectedly, the team found qualified student who can enter the team, he is Kevin Lewis. He recognized the team by his two roommates named Fisher and Martinez. Both of them try to influence Kevin in order to join the team. They met Kevin Lewis, and observed him for few days. Then, they gave information about how to play Blackjack, MIT Blackjack Team, and the advantage of playing Blackjack or joining the team.

They also offered Kevin a new lifestyle beside study in MIT. In Spite of his smartness, the team invited him to join the test as requirement the team. It did not take a long time for Kevin to join the team because he passed the test which held by the team and join with the team to hit Las Vegas by beat the Blackjack.

The team itself consists of Micky Rosa (a lecturer in MIT), Fisher, Martinez, Kianna Lam, Michael, Brian hale, and Kevin. They have hit Las Vegas for many times with basic strategy how to play Blackjack. In short, they played Blackjack well along the weekend and no one's knew that what they did was illegal, because they think that just card counting and not gambling. But, in the end of the story they were separated because of their ego and arrogance. That was the climax of the story, which makes this novel be best seller for thriller fiction