

Bridge 25 Ways To Compete In The Bidding Bridge Master Point Press

Bridge is a famously challenging card game, one that's next to impossible to learn without a whole host of visual aids. But books on the subject all too often seem to ignore this. Enter Knack Bridge for Everyone, which takes a step-by-step, visual approach to explaining the game clearly to beginners and intermediates. With 400 full-color photos, as well as numerous charts and diagrams, it begins with the rules and the fundamentals of bidding, play, defense, and scoring. It then takes the bidding up a notch by introducing more bidding techniques and strategies for winning. In the modern game, the majority of auctions are competitive, and every improving player needs to acquire the tools to handle this kind of bidding. This text covers the basic building blocks of competitive bidding (takeout and negative doubles, preempts, overcalls, competing over their notrump openings and dealing with competition over your own, forcing pass auctions, the Law of Total Tricks, and others). It describes a number of useful conventions and gadgets with which the reader needs to be familiar, and suggests other optional treatments for partnership discussion. Each chapter ends with reviews and quizzes, and the final chapter is a summary quiz covering all the material. This book will fill a major gap in bridge literature - most books on this topic are intended for expert-level players.

"This book covers standard signaling methods on defense: attitude, count, suit preference, trump suit signals and Smith Echo. It also recommends adoption of a system of honor-card leads that allows a defender to ask his partner specifically to signal either attitude or count, depending on what the opening leader feels will provide more important information."--Back cover.

In this book, Miles addresses the complex arena of competitive bidding methods for the more advanced player. He discusses current thinking, and recommends methods which will continue to be playable as bridge enters its second century. This book will appeal to fairly serious players only. There are two earlier books on this topic by the same author, 5 and 10 years old respectively, and therefore superseded by this new work.

Reading the Cards

The Pocket Guide to Bridge Conventions You Should Know

25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know - Practice Makes Perfect

Bridge

25 Steps to Learning 2/1

This revised and expanded edition examines bridge auctions where the opponents bid something and you have the opportunity to either let them have it or to balance. The cost of not balancing can be huge, but you must weigh the cost of passing against the cost of bidding and getting a bad result. Lawrence's discussion of hand evaluation and planning a balancing auction goes beyond generic rules. Hundreds of examples help you develop judgment. Defense is the hardest part of playing bridge, but that doesn't mean that it's impossible to learn. In the final book of the bestselling '25?' series, the authors explain how to make a plan as a defender: how to work out from the auction and play what declarer probably has, and which of the strategies available to defenders is likely to be successful. Opening leads, signaling and discarding are all covered in this basic guide to a vitally important topic.

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How to refigure your assets as the bidding proceeds

Right Way to Play Bridge

Pathways to Better Bridge Defense

Catalogue

How to Play Bridge

52 Bridge Mistakes to Avoid

A handy pocket size guide to 25 basic bidding conventions.

"The Bridge Technique Series is designed to take the reader through the most important aspects of card-play technique at bridge. Each book of the series focuses on a different topic, and wherever possible the tactics and strategy are considered from the point of view of both declarer and defenders. This book covers the fundamental strategies available for developing extra tricks in the trump suit for both declarer and the defense. Topics covered include dummy reversal, the trump coup (and how to defend against it), the en passant play, trump promotions and uppercuts on defense, the fight for trump control, and unusual positions such as the smother play and the Devil's Coup."--Back cover.

25 Conventions You Should Know has sold more than 250,000 copies since it was first published, and continues to top the bridge bestseller lists. Over the years, readers have suggested that it would be an even better book if it offered some way to practice what they had learned. Well, here it is: a brief summary of each of those 25 conventions, together with example hands which can be dealt out and used to apply your new knowledge.

You're no idiot, of course. You host the most fabulous dinner parties and select just the right wines. But when it comes time to play some bridge, you feel like hiding away in the kitchen. Don't spend the evening washing dishes! This book will help you learn the rules of the game in friendly, easy-to-swallow bites. You'll learn how to deal and play a "rubber"(that's bridge-talk for a game), how to keep score, and even how to deal with less-than perfect partners!

My Life and Play

Countdown to Winning Bridge

Win the Bermuda Bowl with Me

Conversations with the Bridge Masters

Competitive Bidding in the 21st Century

Explains twenty-five bidding conventions, including the grand slam force, lead-directing doubles, negative doubles, new minor forcing, responsive doubles, reverse Drury, splinter bids, Stayman, takeout doubles, and weak two-bids

Intended for intermediate players, these three books complete a twelve-book series that takes the reader through the most important aspects of card-play technique at bridge. Each book is short and full of practical examples, and end-of-chapter quizzes reinforce the concepts. The series will appeal to beginners who are anxious to improve in stages, and to more experienced players who want to improve their knowledge of a specific aspect of card play.

A follow-up book from the author team that produced the award-winning and best-selling 25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know. Aimed at the same novice/social player audience as their first book, this new title deals with competitive auctions in which the opponents have opened the bidding. This is the most complex area of bridge bidding, and has never up to now been dealt with comprehensively in a book that is understandable for non-experts.

The sequel to ... 25 bridge conventions you should know--Cover.

25 More Bridge Conventions You Should Know

Planning in Defense

Planning in Suit Contracts

Eliminations & Throw Ins

A Beginner's Guide to Learning the Game, Bids, Hands, Cards, and Strategies to Win at Bridge

"Many players go through life thinking that squeeze play is complex, esoteric, and certainly beyond their capabilities. This book demonstrates that basic squeeze play is within anyone's grasp, and that even double squeezes are not unthinkable. Finally, the authors discuss how a defender can avoid being squeezed--a topic that has rarely received much ink."--Back cover.

Even social bridge can be like a roller coaster, where partners rocket up and down together from euphoria to 'you idiot' - while club and tournament bridge are worse still. Indeed, when a married couple play bridge together, they tend to drag the marriage along with them - for better or worse. For the answer to the social dilemma of how to survive bridge games with your spouse, read this book. You will learn to deal with such situations as premarital bridge, bridge with another couple, disaster recovery, romantic weekends, mid-life crises and even children as the critical phases of a bridge marriage are subjected to Ms. Teukolsky's witty and engaging analysis and advice. Roselyn Teukolsky Before her retirement, Roselyn Teukolsky taught math and computer science at Ithaca High School in upstate New York. She is married to her favorite bridge partner, and they have two daughters. Formerly a regular contributor to various bridge magazines, she is working on a novel that has nothing to do with bridge.

This book shows you how to improve your bridge at both a social and competitive level. Clear examples explain the detail of modern Acol bidding. This will enable the reader to plan and reassess their campaign step-by-step and calculate with precision who holds which cards. Guidance is also given on how and when to obstruct or bluff, how to pinpoint the best leads and steal the best contracts, and ways to think strategically under pressure. Unique at-the-table charts - designed to foster partnership understanding used appropriately at home, club or class - summarise key bids.

Twenty-six of the world's top players talk about bridge -- their favorite hands, their worst moments, their most-feared opponents, and so on. We see the human side of people who to many bridge fans are just names, and we gather from them a series of tips and ideas that will help the reader improve his own game. The players covered are men and women from all parts of the world, and most will be household names for anyone who follows the game at all. The list runs from the old masters to the brightest new stars, and includes several whose contribution to the game is as a writer or teacher.

World Class

A Bridge Toolkit

Bridge, Zia and Me

Beginning Bridge

Squeezes Made Simple

Do you remember the first few times you played bridge? To get you started, a friend probably gave you a few helpful hints -- perhaps one of the ones listed to the left. There are many such general guidelines for bridge players -- some of them valuable, some not. But these are the Bridge Myths, not the Bridge Rules -- because they all have exceptions and none should be followed blindly. In reading this book you will get to see what it is about each guideline that makes it so useful; more importantly, you will also learn to recognize the times when you should ignore it. DECLARER'S MYTHS - Draw trumps straight away - Hold up an ace - Win as cheaply as possible - Play low in second seat - Eight ever, nine never - Ruff losers in the dummy - Finesse whenever you can - Play on your longest suit first - Lead towards high cards - Ruff the defenders' winners - Lead low to a trick - Run your longest suit - Leave the big decision until last DEFENDER'S MYTHS - Third hand high - Return partner's suit - Cover an honor with an honor - Second hand low - Capture an honor with an honor - Lead through strength - Discard from your weakest suit - Score a ruff when you can - Never give a ruff-and-sluff - Split your honors - Follow low when a trick is lost - Don't ruff partner's winner David Bird, who lives near Southampton, England, has written more than 100 books on the game. Despite spending much of the year travelling, he still finds time to write new stories every month for a host of magazines around the world, usually featuring his best-known characters, the monks of St. Titus Abbey. He is also a regular commentator on BBO broadcasts of top-level competitions.

Another title in the best-selling '25' series, from award-winning author and master teacher Barbara Seagram, and using the same popular format as earlier books. Other titles in the series have revolved around bidding; this one deals with the play of the cards as declarer, a major topic in beginner and intermediate bridge lessons. As usual in this series, basic ideas on the strategies and tactics available to declarer are covered comprehensively in the early part of the book, while in later chapters, more advanced players will find ideas and topics that challenge their own understanding of the game.

"The Bridge Technique Series is designed to take the reader through the most important aspects of card-play technique at bridge. Each book of the series focuses on a different topic, and wherever possible the tactics and strategy are considered from the point of view of both declarer and defenders. Eliminations and throw-ins constitute one of the fundamental weapons in declarer's armory. This book begins with basic types of the elimination play, and moves on to more complex topics such as loser-on-loser plays and partial eliminations. It also addresses how to anticipate and avoid throw-ins from the point of view of the defenders."--Back cover.

Short and full of practical examples, each book in the 'Bridge Technique Series' takes the reader through the most important aspects of card-play technique at bridge. Where appropriate, play is examined from the point of view both of declarer and defenders. Full of quizzes and chapter reviews, these award-winning books will also reinforce the bridge concepts you learn. At this price, what bridge player could stand not to have all twelve?

25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know

25 Ways to Be a Better Defender

The Complete Book on Hand Evaluation in Contract Bridge

Entry Management

"The Bridge Technique Series is designed to take the reader through the most important aspects of card-play technique at bridge. Each book of the series focuses on a different topic, and wherever possible the tactics and strategy are considered from the point of view of both declarer and defenders. During the play of the hand, declarer and defenders both have opportunities to use the cards they play to conceal their exact holdings from the opposition. It is possible to disrupt defenders' signaling, to mislead the opponents about strength or weakness in a suit, and even to persuade the defense to give you information."--Back cover.

So you tend to be dealt very bad hands. I know exactly you feel! But, facing the facts of life and recognising that it is not your fault, you are going to have to accommodate this failing and improve your defence. It is a hard part of the game; even in international competitions, the standard of defensive play is, to put it kindly, modest. Yes, you will get plenty of reports of brilliances involving spectacular switches, deceptions, unblocks and discards of honours. But for every one of those, there are countless others in which the display would disgrace any beginners' class. I am going to assume that you are a regular club or tournament player who knows the basics of defence but who comes unstuck when it comes to situations where you have to work the hand out in detail. This book will help you to improve dramatically in this area. -- Danny Roth.

"This book covers declarer's fundamental strategies in notrump contracts and the tactics available for developing extra tricks. Topics covered include hold-up plays, deciding which suit to attack, reading the opening lead, keeping the danger hand off play, combining your chances and exerting pressure on your opponents."--Back cover.

"The Bridge Technique Series is designed to take the reader through the most important aspects of card-play technique at bridge. Each book of the series focuses on a different topic, and wherever possible the tactics and strategy are considered from the point of view of both declarer and defenders. Many players know little more about the finesse other than how to handle an A-Q combination. This book covers the more complex finessing situations, including double finesses, two-way finesses, and the intra-finesse. Tricks with Finesses discusses how declarers can avoid finesses, how to choose among different finesse options as well as offering tips to defenders on how to lead declarer astray."--Back cover.

Knack Bridge for Everyone

25 Ways to Take More Tricks as Declarer

Tricks with Trumps

Tricks with Finesses

Planning the Play in Notrump

Another title in the best-selling '25' series, using the same popular format. Over the last fifteen or so years, the 2/1 Game Forcing bidding method has gained substantial popularity, but for various reasons it is not taught in beginner classes. This book is therefore designed for players who are familiar with Standard bidding and are interested in switching to the 2/1 method. It covers basic concepts as well as the differences between 2/1 and Standard auctions, and includes a discussion of more advanced ideas and conventions that fit particularly well with 2/1 methods. Existing books on this topic (notably by Max Hardy and Mike Lawrence) are too advanced and/or too technical for this level of player.

Did you ever notice how the bridge experts always seem to know where every card is? How their finesses always seem to succeed? How their guesses are nearly always perfect? This book won't teach you to play quite that well, but it will introduce you to some very simple techniques that the experts use on play and defense. As declarer or defender, counting the hand is the one thing that will help you the most. But how do you keep track of all those cards? This book will show you how - explaining the tricks of the trade, and helping anyone who can count to thirteen to become a much better player. Full of practical examples of how to apply the information you get from counting, this book is sure to improve your game.

Written for complete beginners, this book is based on material that Barbara Seagram uses in her own classes to introduce hundreds of new players to the game every year. The book will take readers to the point where they can enjoy a social game with friends or begin to explore their local bridge club.

More than 750 examples with detailed discussion of responses and rebids. Recommended for Intermediate through Expert.

Safety Plays

Deceptive Card Play

How to Play Bridge with Your Spouse and Survive

A Step-by-Step Guide to Rules, Bidding, and Play of the Hand

The Bridge Bum

"An Honors Book from Master Point Press."

A unique over-the-shoulder look at the thought processes of one of the world's best players as Jeff Meckstroth takes the reader through the highs and lows of winning the Bermuda Bowl -- the world teams championship. Written in the style of Terence Reese's classic 'Play Bridge with Reese', this book gives readers a chance to make their own decisions at critical stages in each deal, and compare their solutions with the authors'. The narrative does not follow any specific world championship event, but all the deals are ones that Meckstroth actually played in Bermuda Bowl competition. Meckstroth is regarded as one of the top half-dozen players in the world; as his first book, this title will attract a great deal of attention.

Win at Bridge and Impress Your Friends! When you open How to Play Bridge, you'll discover a rich and exciting world of strategy. Bridge has long been associated with the modern aristocracy. Harold Vanderbilt (on a long ocean cruise) combined two popular variants of Whist (a 17th-century card game) to create the game we lovingly call Bridge. This comprehensive (and easy-to-understand) guidebook explains how you can impress your opponents with your knowledge of the game. You can step up to the table with confidence after mastering the many concepts and strategies in this fascinating book: Bidding Basics and Basic Gameplay Playing as the Declarer and the Dummy Scoring: Contract/Overtrick Points Slam, Doubled, and Redoubled Bonuses Rubber and Honour Bonuses Avoiding Penalties and Common Errors You'll even learn advanced concepts like reading players' card organization styles, noticing psychological tells, and playing well with your partner. By mastering the rules of the game and making them second nature, you can pay more attention to the cards played - and the people playing them. By understanding each player's point of view, you can rule the table and win big at bridge!

Getting Into the Bidding

The Complete Book on Balancing in Contract Bridge

Defensive Signaling

The Complete Idiot's Guide to Bridge

25 Bridge Myths Exposed