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*2/1 Game Force a Modern Approach - Third Edition* - Neil H. Timm, Ph. D. 2012-06

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*American Jewish Year Book 2003* - David Singer 2003

The Library owns the volumes of the American Jewish Yearbook from 1899 - current.

**Reader's Digest True Crime** - Reader's Digest 2019-10-22

More than two dozen gripping tales of murder, kidnapping, robbery, and much more from the Reader's Digest archives. For more than 90 years, Reader's Digest has been telling the amazing true stories of real-life thrillers, unsolved mysteries, and tales of cold-blooded murder—and of the regular folks caught up in these harrowing situations. Now we've pulled together a collection of more than two dozen of these gripping narratives, including: A woman's account of being taken hostage by a convenience store robber True crime writer Ann Rule's encounter with Ted Bundy before she knew he was a killer The case of the man who rigged the lottery The inside story of how Al Capone was finally arrested for tax evasion The unlikely tale

of a widower father who enlisted his teenage son and daughter to help rob banks These modern classics are for crime aficionados and novices alike, tantalizing enough to hold your attention yet brisk enough to be your best beach or book club read. Enjoy the ride with an airplane bomber, an identity thief, and a Bonnie-and-Clyde team living on borrowed time. (Enjoy even more their comeuppance.)

*The Best American Sports Writing 2017* - Glenn Stout 2017

The latest addition to the acclaimed series showcasing the best sports writing from the past year

**Standard Bidding with Sayc** - Ned Downey 2005

What is "Standard" Bidding? This is an increasingly hard question to answer, but the proliferation of bridge on the Internet in pickup partnerships makes it imperative that someone does so. Perhaps the most popular natural system for the hundreds of thousands of online

players worldwide is the "Standard American Yellow Card," or SAYC. In this book, for the first time, SAYC is fully described and explained. This will be an invaluable aid to anyone wanting to learn and understand SAYC, or anyone who simply knows the basics and is eager to fill in the missing pieces in their repertoire.

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Bergen Raises, inverted minor suit raises with crisscross and flip-flop, cuebidding, modified scroll bids, and many more methods not used in Standard American or Precision. In the fourth edition, the Minorwood Convention has been expanded and several variations of the Flannery Convention are included in this edition. I have added the Hello and SCUM conventions used to interfere over strong notrumps and a Modified Landy convention designed to compete over partnerships that employ a weak notrump bid. The Equal Level Conversion (ELC) double is discussed in Chapter 6 and additional material on slam bidding has been added to Chapter 3. The material on two-way new minor forcing and the Gazilli Convention has been expanded upon in Chapter 1 and Jacoby transfers with a superaccept structure has been added to Chapter 2. Finally, a new chapter that reviews the new Italian System of bids called Fantunes has been included in this edition. The System has been modified to be in compliance with the

General Convention Chart.

[25 More Bridge Conventions You Should Know](#) -

Barbara Seagram 2003

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

**Playing with the Bridge Legends** - Barnet Shenkin 2000

Since winning the world's most prestigious pairs event in his early twenties, with the equally precocious Michael Rosenberg, Barnet Shenkin has continued to build a an impressive bridge career. Over the last 25 years, he has had the opportunity to play with and against some of the best in the world, and in this book he recounts his favourite hands and stories. While much of his early career was based in Scotland and England, Barnet now lives in Florida and is becoming well-known on the US tournament scene. The book comes to a climax with the US team's record-breaking world title win in January 2000, an event which Barnet covered as a journalist.

### **Tournament Bridge for Notrump Players -**

Ken Casey 2019-06-19

The book is designed to give a comprehensive and systematic view of the rules of play for notrump contracts. The various subjects contain rules for when to hold up, how to finesse, when to spurn a finesse, when to avoid the dangerous hand, when to endplay opponents, when to squeeze, how to ensure your transportation to the dummy, how to sneak your ninth trick, when to false card, and how to handle a blocked suit. Under each subject, there are numerous examples of how to handle each rule of play.

After finishing this book, you will be challenged to find a notrump hand that you cannot handle.

### **The Naked Bridge Player and Other Stories -**

David Silver 2006

The irascible hero of 'Tales Out of School' and 'A Study in Silver' is back! Watch him take on new opponents as the author finds fresh literary targets to lampoon. Once again, Tim Bourke's incomparable deals add brilliant bridge to the

humor. This new collection will keep Silver aficionados laughing all the way through.

### **The Bridge Player's Bedside Book -** Tony Forrester 1998

The ultimate collection of bridge stuff, with something for everyone from the beginner to the expert. Humour, mystery, quizzes, history, biography -- it's all here. Over fifty world-class contributors, including Eddie Kantar, Alfred Sheinwold, Ron Klinger, Phillip Alder, Albert Dormer, and many more. Illustrated throughout, including elegant Fougasse cartoons.

### **Conversations About Anthropology & Sociology -** Howard Burton 2021-05-17

Conversations About Anthropology & Sociology include the following 5 wide-ranging Ideas Roadshow Conversations featuring leading experts. This collection includes a detailed preface highlighting the connections between the different books. Each book is broken into chapters with a detailed introduction and questions for discussion at the end of each

chapter: I. The Science of Siren Songs: Stradivari Unveiled - A Conversation with master violinmaker, acoustician and MacArthur Fellow Joseph Curtin. This wide-ranging conversation explores Curtin's long quest to characterize the sound of a Stradivari violin and the rigorous series of double-blind tests he and his colleagues developed to probe whether or not professional musicians can really tell the difference between a Stradivari and a modern violin. This thought-provoking book also examines violin acoustics and how acoustic science can be married to the art of violin making while merging time-honoured techniques with new materials and design. II. In the Cards - A Conversation with Fred Gitelman, world-champion bridge player and co-founder of Bridge Base Online. This comprehensive conversation provides behind-the-scenes insights into the world of professional bridge, the psychological stress of top-flight competition, how the human mind can compute amazing feats of memory, bridge in schools,

coaching Bill Gates and Warren Buffett and more. III. Embracing the Anthropocene: Managing Human Impact - A Conversation with Mark Maslin, Professor of Geography at University College London. This in-depth conversation explores Mark Maslin's research on the Anthropocene which according to his definition began when human impacts on the planet irrevocably started to change the course of the Earth's biological and geographical trajectory, leading to climate change, loss of biodiversity, deforestation, and more. IV. The Joy of Mathematics - A Conversation with Ian Stewart, Emeritus Professor of Mathematics at the University of Warwick and bestselling science and science fiction writer. For Ian Stewart, mathematics is far more than dreary arithmetic, while mathematical thinking is one of the most important—and overlooked—aspects of contemporary society. This conversation explores what mathematics is and why it's worth doing, symmetry, networks and patterns, the

relationship between logic and proof, the role of beauty in mathematical thinking, the future of mathematics, linking mathematical oscillations to animal gaits, how to deal with the peculiarities of the mathematical community, and much more. V. On Atheists and Bonobos - A Conversation with primatologist Frans de Waal, the Charles Howard Candler Professor of Primate Behavior in the Department of Psychology at Emory University and director of the Living Links Center at the Yerkes National Primate Research Center at Emory. Frans de Waal is renowned for his work on the behaviour and social intelligence of primates. This thought-provoking conversation examines fascinating questions such as: Are we born with an innate sense of “the good”? Do we learn from others what is “wrong”? Does religion determine, or is it a result of, morality? and more. Howard Burton is the founder and host of all Ideas Roadshow Conversations and was the Founding Executive Director of Perimeter Institute for

Theoretical Physics. He holds a PhD in theoretical physics and an MA in philosophy. Ideas Roadshow offers an expanding series of Ideas Roadshow Collections, visit our website: <https://ideas-on-film.com/ideasroadshow/> for further details.

Building a Bidding System - Roy Hughes 2005  
This book discussed the theory of bridge bidding for advanced players, with emphasis on the principles that need to underpin an effective bidding system. These include the concepts of Useful Space, Relays, Transfers, Dialogue Bidding, as well as the conflicting needs for a system that is robust, antagonistic, and also accurate. The ideas are illustrated with dozens of example hands from championship play, showing how these principles work in practice. The book will appeal to serious tournament players.

**Beginning Bridge** - Barbara Seagram 2008-06  
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.

The Snowball - Alice Schroeder 2008-09-29

The biography of the world's richest man and the only book on Warren Buffett that has his full cooperation.

**The Hands of Time** - Mark Horton 2004-11

"As the game of bridge enters its ninth decade of existence, it is fascinating to look back at the best and most exciting moments that have occurred at the bridge table. You'll find it all in this collection: the brilliance, the blunders, the amazing triumphs, and the inexplicable falls from grace. The great players of this last century can be found here too, from Culbertson to Kanta, from Reese to Rodwell, from Harrison-Gray to Hamman and Helgemo, as well as the legendary teams like the Dallas Aces and the Italian Blue Team. Open this book anywhere, and we bet you

can't put it down!"--Back cover.

The Complete Book of Bridge Hands - Ken Casey 2019-06-19

This book is meant to be a comprehensive book on all the various types of bridge hands. Each type of hand is categorized in a separate chapter. Volume 1 contains a partial compilation of my three books on tournament bridge. These three books are Tournament Bridge for Beginning Players, Tournament Bridge for Intermediate Players, and Tournament Bridge for Advanced Players. All three of these books were revised in 2018. Volume 2 contains a partial compilation of my two books on playing notrump hands and on playing defense. These two books are entitled Playing the Notrump Hand in Bridge and Tips on Bridge Defense. Both of these books were also revised in 2018.

In the Cards - Howard Burton 2021-04-17

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founder of Bridge Base Online. This wide-ranging conversation provides behind-the-scenes insights into the world of professional bridge, the psychological stress of top-flight competition and how the human mind can compute amazing feats of memory. This carefully-edited book includes an introduction, The Art of Competition, and questions for discussion at the end of each chapter: I. Bridge Background - What it's all about II. A Personal Perspective - Beginnings, partnerships, tournaments and memory III. The Bridge Business - Educational software, online domination and special friends IV. At the summit - Conquering the world and then reverting to type V. Critical Times? - Demographics, gender and the future of bridge About Ideas Roadshow Conversations: This book is part of an expanding series of 100+ Ideas Roadshow conversations, each one presenting a wealth of candid insights from a leading expert through a focused yet informal setting to give non-specialists a uniquely accessible window into frontline

research and scholarship that wouldn't otherwise be encountered through standard lectures and textbooks. For other books in this series visit our website:

<https://ideas-on-film.com/ideasroadshow/>.

**Northern Lights** - Ray Lee 2003

**Santa Fe Precision** - Dennis Dawson  
2019-08-21

This book on Precision is quite different. It is a very simplified version, based on the system played by Rodwell and Meckstroth so successfully, but aimed at club players. Dennis Dawson learned Meckwell Lite fifteen years ago when playing on teams with Rodwell and Meckstroth. He then used it while representing the US in the Senior World Team Championship, in which he won a bronze medal. Dawson's students in Santa Fe wanted to learn the system, so he made some changes to make it easier for them to remember. That version is the basis of this book, which includes many examples from

thirteen years of teaching the system. "Precision is more effective and more fun than 2/1! You bid more and pass less, and bidding is more fun."

Fred Gitelman, founder of BBO

Win the Bermuda Bowl with Me - Jeff Meckstroth  
2001

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.

*The Principle of Restricted Talent* - Danny Kleinman 2004

An anthology of humorous stories featuring Chthonic, the bridge-playing robot. The stories draw unmercifully funny portraits of human bridge players, as Chthonic's bridge brilliance and abrasive and ill-concealed contempt for his human creators leave them all in his wake. A particular target is the pompous Director of the Cybernetics Research Institute, whose opinion of his own bridge expertise differs greatly from that of his protigi. Some of these stories have appeared in The Bridge World magazine, where the characters are established as firm reader favorites. Danny Kleinman of Los Angeles is a prolific bridge writer, theorist, professional player, and teacher, who is a regular contributor to several bridge magazines. He is a Contributing Editor of The Bridge World, and is one of the moderators of 'The Master Solvers' Club' in that magazine. He also writes about backgammon, another game which he plays at

an expert level. Nick Straguzzi of Mullica Hill, NJ, is a software analyst specializing in artificial intelligence and knowledge management. Nick has researched ways in which computer game theory could be applied to bridge, but concluded that it would be far easier to write about a perfect bridge-playing computer than to actually build one.

**For Love Or Money** - Mark Horton 2000

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to spend your time traveling the world and being invited to play bridge in exotic locations? Watching world titles being won and lost? Rubbing shoulders with the rich and famous, as well as the best bridge players on the planet? Find out in these pages as two of the world's top bridge journalists take you behind the scenes of the international bridge circuit, in a book full of great hands, crazy characters and strange but true happenings that often don't (or can't ) get reported in the pages of the bridge magazines. Pack your bags and get ready for a wild ride --

and don't forget to take your sense of humor along

**Master Class** - Fred Gitelman 2005

Imagine sitting beside a world-class bridge player and being able to listen to his thoughts as each hand develops... you can help but improve your own game! Every hand in this fascinating book comes from actual play; many of them are taken from the author's own experience in world-level competition. Fred Gitelman believes that there is something to be learned from every bridge hand, whether you are a novice or an expert, and he proves it here. Just as fascinating as the bridge, however, are Fred's observations on his partners and opponents, who range from world champions to famous amateurs like Bill Gates and Warren Buffett. Fred Gitelman (Las Vegas) has a trophy case full of world championship medals, many of them earned playing for his native Canada. He is known throughout the world as a leading designer and producer of bridge software, while his web site,

Bridge Base Online, is the most popular bridge-playing site on the Net.

**The Weak Notrump** - Andy Stark 2006

All North American players are taught to play using a strong notrump, but that is not the way of the rest of the world. Even in North America, weak notrump systems, or even Kamikaze notrump systems, are becoming more common. This book discusses the advantages and disadvantages of playing a system with a weaker notrump opening, and shows how the 1NT range impacts the rest of the bidding system. Even those who have no interest in converting to a weak notrump range still need to know how to play against weak notrump systems. For them, the book includes advice on effective competitive methods.

*Search and Planning Under Incomplete Information* - Ian Frank 2012-12-06

This book updates the thesis I produced for my PhD at the Department of Artificial Intelligence of the University of Edinburgh, correcting

errors, and improving some of the formatting and readability. Since the original work was completed (early 1996), research has progressed. Most notably, the public profile of AI and game-playing has reached new heights with the feats of the chess computer DEEPER BLUE (which surely uses AI, no matter what IBM would have us believe). Although less heralded, the ability of computers to play Bridge (the main example domain in this book) has also increased. In July of 1997 a world championship for computer Bridge programs was hosted by the American Contract Bridge League in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This contest was won by a program called Bridge Baron, produced by Great Game Products. Bridge Baron incorporates knowledge-based planning techniques developed by Stephen Smith and Dana Nau [1, 2]. Progress has also been made on the contrasting, more brute-force, approach of sampling the possible card distributions. In particular, Matt Ginsberg has developed a fast

double-dummy solver based on partition search [3]. Ginsberg's program fared poorly in the 1997 Bridge championships, but Ginsberg himself reports very promising results [4] on a hard set of complete Bridge deals taken from the Bridge tutoring program Bridge Master.

Bridge Bidding - Nicolae Sfetcu 2014-05-13

This e-book present some of the most important bridge bidding systems used used in duplicate bridge tournaments, detailing the most known bridge bidding system, Standard American Yellow Card, by using a logical sequential order for openings, answers, competitive bids and defensive play in order to help the players during the games. Much of the complexity in bridge arises from the difficulty of arriving at a good final contract in the auction. A bidding system in contract bridge is the set of agreements and understandings assigned to calls and sequences of calls used by a partnership, and includes a full description of the meaning of each treatment and convention.

Standard American Yellow Card is a specific set of partnership agreements and conventions, using Standard American as a base. Standard American Yellow Card is a very specific collection of agreements, which can, of course, be modified and augmented by partnership agreement. In practical use, the term is often mis-used to refer to Standard American in general, or it could refer to a system that used SAYC as a base and made additional augmentations or changes to the base agreements.

**Playing Suit Combinations** - Jeff Rubens  
2017-09

*Conversations About Language & Culture* -  
Howard Burton 2021-05-24

Conversations About Language & Culture includes the following 5 carefully-edited Ideas Roadshow Conversations featuring leading researchers. This collection includes a detailed preface highlighting the connections between

the different books. Each book is broken into chapters with a detailed introduction and questions for discussion at the end of each chapter: 1. Babbling Barbarians: How Translators Keep Us Civilized - A Conversation with David Bellos, translator and professor in French literature at Princeton University. This wide-ranging conversation examines many fascinating features of language and translation, including the value of a translation as opposed to the original work, translating humour, the Bergman Effect and more. 2. China, Culturally Speaking - A conversation with Michael Berry, Professor of Contemporary Chinese Cultural Studies at UCLA and a world-renowned Chinese literary translator and film scholar. After discussing the inspiring influence his English teacher had on him, the conversation covers a wide range of topics such as the appeal of literary translation, modern and contemporary Chinese literature, the history and development of Chinese cinema, popular culture in modern

China, censorship, and the importance of staying true to one's values. 3. The Value of Voice - A Conversation with Nick Couldry, Professor of Media, Communications and Social Theory in the Department of Media and Communications at the London School of Economics. This wide-ranging conversation explores how the media can be used as a filter to examine power structures, political movements, economic interests, democracy and our evolving notion of culture, the importance of voice and the challenge posed by media institutions that order the social, political, cultural, economic, and ethical dimensions of our lives. 4. Perspectives on Mass Communication - A Conversation with Denis McQuail (1935-2017), who was Emeritus Professor at the University of Amsterdam and Visiting Professor at the University of Southampton. He is widely considered to be one of the most influential scholars in the history of mass communication studies. This wide-ranging conversation provides detailed insights into how

examining the media, and in particular mass media, necessarily involves a careful, probing look at our societal values; the concepts, metrics and ideas that McQuail developed to measure the sociological influence of the media; the critical role of journalism in society and more. 5. Sign Language Linguistics is based on an in-depth filmed conversation between Howard Burton and renowned researcher of sign languages Carol Padden, the Sanford I. Berman Chair in Language and Human Communication at UC San Diego. This extensive conversation covers many topics related to sign language, such as growing up with ASL, Carol's early work with Bill Stokoe, the linguistic complexity, structure and properties of ASL and other sign languages, the development of new sign languages throughout the world, the role of gesture and embodiment, and much more. Howard Burton is the founder and host of all Ideas Roadshow Conversations and was the Founding Executive Director of Perimeter

Institute for Theoretical Physics. He holds a PhD in theoretical physics and an MA in philosophy. Duplicate Bridge at Home - Mark Horton 2008 Including 120 deals, with instructions for playing and scoring them (as either teams or pairs), this book shows how to play a one-table duplicate at home. As a bonus, each deal is accompanied by an expert commentary, so you can see how it should have been bid and played.

World Class - Marc Smith 1999

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.

The Mind-Body Problem - Howard Burton  
2020-10-01

This book is based on an in-depth filmed conversation between Howard Burton and Janko Tipsarevic, who is a former professional tennis player with a career-high singles ranking of world no. 8 and founder and CEO of Tipsarevic Tennis Academy in Belgrade, Serbia. This conversation gives behind-the-scenes insights on what it takes to achieve excellence in professional sports, what mindset is needed to reach one's true potential and a penetrating and inspirational window into the psychology of professional tennis that resonates with all of us. This carefully-edited book includes an introduction, Giving Your All, and questions for discussion at the end of each chapter: I. On Nietzsche and Tennis - The dangers of too much perspective II. Lost Opportunities - Reflections on vacuous press conferences III. Commitment -

More than just the hours IV. Breaking Through - Leaving nothing back V. Tennis as a Team Sport - Davis Cup and doubles VI. Achieving Potential - Coaching and talent VII. Winner Take All? - Spreading the wealth—or not? About Ideas Roadshow Conversations Series: This book is part of an expanding series of 100+ Ideas Roadshow conversations, each one presenting a wealth of candid insights from a leading expert through a focused yet informal setting to give non-specialists a uniquely accessible window into frontline research and scholarship that wouldn't otherwise be encountered through standard lectures and textbooks. For other books in this series visit our website (<https://ideas-on-film.com/ideasroadshow/>).

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ACBL convention charts, the chapter with the modifications to Fantunes, in my prior edition, is no longer needed. Fantunes may now be played using the Open Convention Chart. The Mid-chart no longer exists. Hence, I have deleted the chapter and replaced it with a new chapter on Bridge Tips, and Agreements. New conventions include a Modern Splinter Bidding Convention, the Zirconia Convention, Unusual 2-level bids, Jump Transfer bids, a new Two-Way Check-back Convention, 1430 Modified Jacoby 2NT\*, additional Bridge Rules with more examples, Four-Way Transfers with the range ask bid and more are included in this edition. Also included is an update of the Minorwood and the Roman Keycard Blackwood Conventions, Two-Way New Minor Forcing with modified Wolff Signoff bids and new bidding sequences using Mini/Weak Notrump. The topic of Offense to Defense Ratio (ODR) is included in this revision as well as expanded bidding sequences when opening and responding to the bid of 2 playing the 2/1 Game

Force System and many new Bridge Rules have been added to Chapter 10. A copy of this book is on the web site [www.bridgewebs.com/ocala](http://www.bridgewebs.com/ocala). A hard copy is available from the publisher or from Amazon.com - search on neil timm.

**Cuebidding at Bridge** - Ken Rexford 2006

Everyone knows that control-showing bids are the expert route to slam, but it is remarkably hard to find a comprehensive treatment of this vital area of the game. Until now, that is. This is a comprehensive work, covering a lot of territory. The average reader won't agree with everything they read - and it would be a mammoth undertaking to try and adopt it all - but it will get them thinking about their bidding and offer many ways to improve it. After all, bridge is the ultimate game for thinkers. This book fills an important gap in the literature of bridge for serious players.

**2/1 Game Force a Modern Approach -**

**Second Edition** - Neil H. Timm Ph. D.

2011-05-20

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*Larry Cohen's Bidding Challenge* - Larry Cohen 2002

This book puts the reader at the table in the world's most prestigious Invitational Pairs tournament, held annually in The Hague. Larry Cohen is regularly invited to these events, and the book is based on his popular articles that have appeared in Bridge Today magazine. The author presents real-life hands from several of the Hague tournaments as bidding problems that the reader can try with their own favourite partner. Then they can read Cohen's insightful

analysis of how each pair of hands should be bid, and compare their results with those of the world-class experts who actually played them. Includes an optional tearout section at the end of the book for easy bidding practice.

*Somehow We Landed in Six Notrump* - David Bird 2009

The first half of the book features the world's finest players at work, tackling all manner of ANT contracts -some commendable, others truly awful. You will have the chance to plan your play in these contracts yourself, before seeing what fate befell the original declare. The second half contains humorous short stories featuring many of David Bird's well-loved character: the bridge-crazy monks of St. Titus Monastery, the nuns of St. Hilda's Convent, the Rabbi and his entourage. There is further action from Cholmeley School, from the missionaries whose main task in life is to convert the Bozwambi tribe to the Acol bidding system and even some tales of Sir Guy of Gisburne.

**My Favorite 52** - Larry Cohen 2009-06

Using an intimate 'over-the-shoulder' presentation, this book takes us through 50-plus bridge deals from the authors own experience - deals that were important to him in some way, technically interesting, or just plain fun. A former computer programmer and options trader, Larry Cohen was for many years a full-time bridge professional and part-time golfer. Now retired from serious competition, he travels from his home base in Boca Raton, Florida, to fulfill his numerous lecturing engagements, and he writes regularly for several magazines. He has twenty national championships to his name, as well as two world championship medals. He is perhaps best-known for his classic book, *To Bid or not to Bid*, which at the time was the best-selling book on the game since Charles Goren's heyday (it has since been surpassed by *25 Bridge Conventions You should Know*).  
*Express Bridge Complete* - David Tscherne  
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*Express Bridge Complete* is a large print book teaching the game of Express Bridge. Express Bridge is a training version of contract bridge using simple no-bid contracts. It is the easiest way to learn, play, and master the basics of contract bridge. It's everything standard bridge is — minus the bidding. Simply put, Express Bridge doesn't require memorizing (and recalling) complex bids like standard bridge does. Two partners who have never met before can begin playing Express Bridge right away. No mysterious bidding codes required. So it's great for singles, particularly single seniors. Express Bridge Complete, as the name indicates, fully explains how to play the game. After a brief introduction, the book is divided into six logical chapters: Chapter 1. Deal the Cards Chapter 2. Announce Your HCP Chapter 3. Call Pass or Play Chapter 4. Declare Your Contract Chapter 5. Take Your Tricks Chapter 6. Score the Result The book also has five appendices with additional material. Appendix 1: The History of

Bridge Appendix 2: Hand Evaluation - 201  
Appendix 3: Hattersley Point Count Appendix 4:  
Hand Patterns Appendix 5: A Few Extras  
"Express Bridge is to standard bridge what  
pickleball is to tennis."

**Improve Your Bidding Judgment** - Neil  
Kimelman 2008

Beginners at bridge are taught rigid rules to  
apply to bidding, rules that involve point count,  
losing trick count and other evaluation methods.

But they quickly discover that there are more  
situations where the rules don't apply than  
where they do. This book addresses a gap in  
bridge literature by discussing how to make  
decisions in the auction: when to be aggressive  
and when to pull back, when to take saves, when  
to double the opponents, and so forth. Filled  
with real-life examples, practical advice and  
helpful quizzes, this will help any reader become  
a better bidder.