

Card Game Books

BRIDGE, EPHEMERA, OTHER CARD GAMES AND PLAYING CARDS

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ELIST No. 21

During the spring I acquired a stock of 'new' books. By new I mean mainly 21st century books, printed to order. Thus, all in this list are in absolutely mint condition. You can probably find cheaper copies, but these are as you would buy them from a bookshop. All are softbacks with decorative covers and published by Master Point Press.

If any of these items take your fancy, please contact me by email or phone. Payment can be by online banking, PayPal or cheque. Account details are: Card Game Books Sort code 40-25-23, account number 51564587. Prices exclude postage which will be charged at £2.00 for the first item and £1.00 for each subsequent book up to a maximum of £7.00. I am happy to post worldwide, but overseas postage will be charged at cost.

1. APFELBAUM, Jay: SIX STEPS TO WINNING DECLARER PLAY. £11.00
Toronto 2016 1st edition. 8vo 225pp

An Intermediate level book with 52 example hands which the author uses to illustrate that age-old adage "plan the play". However, he goes through each hand with an identical set of questions which lead the reader towards "the plan". I confess to having looked at only one hand in which the text confuses East and West's holdings.



2. BENNION, Doug: SCRAMBLE STAYMAN. £9.00
Toronto 2016 1st edition. 8vo 119pp

An Intermediate level book which, generally, features weak NT openings. The author argues that there are many hands which we pass as responder where a part score contract in a major will score better, albeit that sometimes it will be a 4-3 fit. So, Scramble Stayman helps you to find these better contracts.



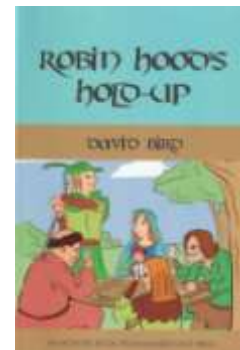
3. BERKLEY, Dan: A SIMPLER BLUE CLUB SYSTEM. £15.00
Toronto 2018 1st edition. 8vo 258pp

This is an Intermediate/Advanced level book. The Foreword is by Benito Garozzo, so the variations proposed by the author have the backing of one of the system's creators. The changes involve the use of both high cards and distributional points in the evaluation of hand strength. Garozzo acknowledges that these simplifications make it easier to learn and remember.



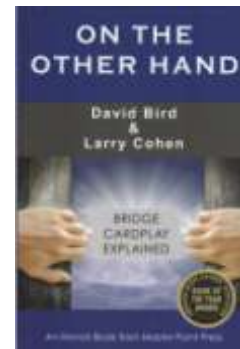
4. BIRD, David: ROBIN HOOD'S HOLD-UP. £14.00
Toronto 2019 1st edition. 8vo 180pp

This is a General Interest book and is a sequel to *Arrow Through the Heart* which featured in the last list. There is the usual cast of characters. There is nothing on the cover, or inside, to indicate whether these well over 100 deals have previously been published.



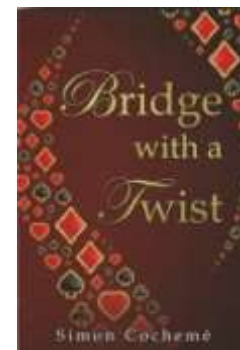
5. BIRD, David and Larry Cohen: ON THE OTHER HAND. £14.00
Toronto 2019 1st edition. 8vo 226pp

This Intermediate level book is the first by this combination of authors. The book is unusual in that each pair of hands is similar, one submitted and played by each author. However, although the hands are similar, the play requires a slightly different technique each time.



6. COCHEMÉ, Simon: BRIDGE WITH A TWIST. £14.00
Toronto 2020 1st edition. 8vo 191pp

This is a General Interest book and those who read the EBU magazine will be familiar with the author's style – humorous, interesting and educational. I only looked at a couple of bits of it, but they live up to what I expected.



7. DARRICADES, Patrick: OPTIMAL HAND EVALUATION.

£11.00

Toronto 2019 1st edition. 8vo 149pp

This is an Intermediate/Advanced level book. The author argues that the Milton Work count which we've faithfully followed for years is flawed. So, too, are the standard methods of calculating distributional worth. The 100 hands illustrate his arguments well and, as such, this is worth reading.



8. DARRICADES, Patrick: OPTIMAL HAND EVALUATION IN COMPETITIVE BIDDING.

£7.00

Toronto 2020 1st edition. 8vo 91pp

Another Intermediate/Advanced level book which continues the theme in the title above, this time focussing on how traditional hand evaluation techniques can be successfully skewed to better match values in competitive auctions.



9. DAWSON, Dennis and Charlie Wilkins: BRIDGE OUTSIDE THE BOX WITH VAL KOVACHEV.

£15.00

Toronto 2020 1st edition. 8vo 196pp

This is an Intermediate level book which covers the logical, but at times outrageous bidding of Valentin Kovachev, a Bulgarian international who now lives in the USA. This is a book which most will find both interesting and unusual. Val is a risk taker and some of the bids he makes.....not for the faint-hearted.



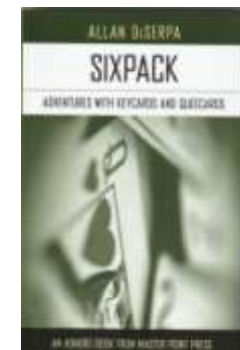
10. DeSERPA, Allan: SIXPACK.

£12.00

Subtitled *Adventures with Keycards and Queecards*

Toronto 2014 1st edition. 8vo 220pp

This is an Intermediate/Advanced level book in which the author explains that the concept of 'sixpack' is where there is a fit in two suits. Thus information is needed about 6 key cards (both kings) and also the queens in the two suits. He argues that it is not a difficult concept to adopt and can be grafted onto almost any system.



11. DIOSY, Andrew and Linda Lee: YOU HAVE TO SEE THIS.

£6.00

Toronto 1998 1st edition. 8vo 96pp

This is an Advanced level book with 52 challenging hands. The hands are classed as ‘not too hard’, ‘pretty difficult’ and ‘really challenging’. The format is slightly unusual, but in a helpful way.



12. FELMY, Matthias: CAN YOU WIN THE USBC TEAM TRIALS 2013?

£13.00

Toronto 2014 1st edition. 8vo 282pp

This is an Advanced level book which covers 67 problem hands from the event in the title. The reader has to deal with these problems and compare his/her score with that achieved at the event. Thus, can you win.....?



13. GITELMAN, Fred: MASTERCLASS – LESSONS FROM THE BRIDGE TABLE.

£11.00

Toronto 2005 1st edition. 8vo 207pp

This is an Intermediate/Advanced level book which is akin to an ‘over the shoulder’ style. You will be aware – even more so these days – that Gitelman was the founder of BBO and the hands are taken from his *The Deal of the Week*, the aim of which was to show that computer software and the internet were effective and entertaining media for presenting bridge.



14A/B. GRANVILLE, Richard and David Burn: (A) THE MOSSO BIDDING SYSTEM; (B) MOSSO: Example Auctions and Quizzes.

£30.00 for the pair

Both Toronto 2019 1st editions. 8vo (A) 266pp (B) 243pp

These are Intermediate/Advanced books, with an emphasis on the latter. The system picks up parts of the Fantunes and Polish Club systems but adds in other features. MOSSO stands for MOSca and Standard Spade Openings, Carlo Mosca being a prominent Italian player who started to define an entirely different bidding system. The first book is a thorough exposition of the system, showing developments of the auction in



varying situations. The second book gives equally thorough example auctions and quizzes.

15. HOFFMAN, Martin: BRIDGING TWO WORLDS. £16.00
Toronto 2019 1st edition. 8vo 208pp

This is a memoir which was originally privately published in a very limited edition in 2011 and is almost impossible to find. MPP have done the bridge community a huge favour by producing this book. Martin Hoffman went through a living hell in his early life before becoming a world renowned player. There's not a single hand shown, but this book doesn't need any to be compelling.



16. HORTON, Mark: LAST BOARD – EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON IT. £14.00
Toronto 2018 1st edition. 8vo 242pp

This is an Intermediate level book which has as its origin Ron Klinger's story about the Old Master. Mark Horton has put together an array of hands dating from 1957 to 2016 which occurred very near the end of major Championships and, as the title indicates, 'everything depends on it'.



17. HUGHES, Nick: SYMMETRIC RELAY. £15.00
Subtitled *Featuring Scamp and Spam*
Toronto 2020 1st edition. 8vo 212pp

This is an Advanced level book which describes a relay system which is increasingly popular in Australia. It is suggested that this system requires less learning than older relay systems and there are illustrative hands to see the system at work.



18. KABAN, Tugrul: A COMPLETE SYSTEM FOR THE TOURNAMENT BRIDGE PLAYER. £14.00
Toronto 2016 1st edition. 8vo 231pp + convention cards

This is an Intermediate/Advanced level book which provides, as per the title, a complete system. The author describes each part in detail. The addition of WBF, ACBL and EBU convention cards which can be copied is a very useful part of the book. Attached also are the 20 pages of supplementary notes to accompany the WBF and EBU cards.



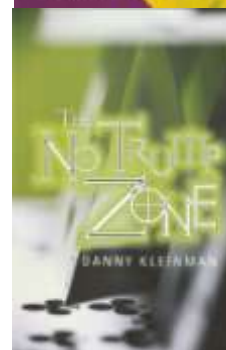
19 and 20. KENNEDY, Stephen: CROCS ON SQUEEZE PLAY VOLS. 1&2. £18.00 each
Toronto 2019 1st edition. 8vo 253/262pp

These are both Advanced level books by a former England junior who is now contributing regularly to the EBU magazine. Both volumes cover so many different potential squeeze situations and are described in a light style which makes them easy to read. It is to my shame that I offered to help proofread the first volume and let Stephen down by not fulfilling my task. What was abundantly clear from meeting him on several occasions was that he would become a very good and successful author of bridge material. More will inevitably follow from his pen or keyboard.



21. KLEINMAN, Danny: THE NO TRUMP ZONE. £15.00
Toronto 2004 1st edition. 8vo 217pp

This is an Intermediate/Advanced level book which starts off by discussing the relative merits of the strength of 1NT openings. The author then goes on to evaluate the various system bids which can follow a 1NT opening, as well as NT responses.



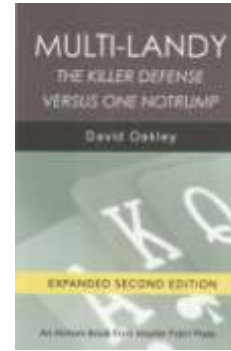
22. KOHL, Tim and Bob Jobu: FIVE TO FIVE HUNDRED. £17.00
Subtitled *On the Road to Becoming a Life Master*
Toronto 2021 2nd edition. 8vo 236pp

This is an Intermediate level book to help players improve their game to the ABCL's Life Master title. It's written in a light style with many cartoon illustrations and covers the mental approach necessary as well as all the other aspects of the game. The list of references covers some highly respected titles.



23. OAKLEY, David: MULTI-LANDY – THE KILLER DEFENSE VERSUS ONE NOTRUMP. £15.00
Toronto 2018 2nd edition (1st 2016). 8vo 283pp

This is an Intermediate/Advanced level book and is the expanded 2nd edition. This is a system which is increasing in use and the book covers the range of bids and responses. The 2nd edition includes a new part which compares Multi-Landy with other conventions and a further section on the Criteria for an Overcall.



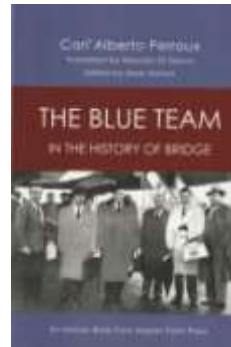
24. PARANJAPE, Prakash K: EASIER DONE THAN SAID. £10.00
Subtitled *Brilliancy at the Bridge Table*.
Toronto 1998 1st edition. 8vo 127pp

This is an Intermediate/Advanced level book which looks at hands played brilliantly but analyses them further to see whether the tried and tested maxims of card play would have been just as successful. Only looked at Hand 1 and found a serious error – be warned!



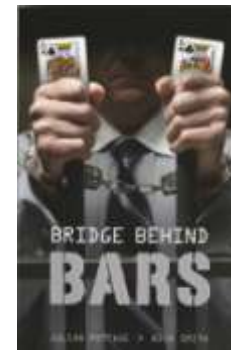
25. PERROUX, Carl'Alberto: THE BLUE TEAM IN THE HISTORY OF BRIDGE. £15.00
Toronto 2018 1st thus. 8vo 384pp

This is a General Interest book which was first published in Italian in 1960, this being the first English translation, albeit that there have been other books in English about the Blue Team. Perroux was the Captain during the most successful period of Italian bridge. There are many hands shown and 3 pages of interesting photos.



26. POTTAGE, Julian and Nick Smith: BRIDGE BEHIND BARS. £12.00
Toronto 2009 1st edition. 8vo 208pp

This is a General Interest book in which our expert finds himself in prison. He soon joins a bridge school and is surprised by the level of skill. I only read the first hand but this looks well worth reading.



27. REXFORD, Ken: MODIFIED ITALIAN CANAPÉ SYSTEM. £11.00

Toronto 2010 1st edition. 8vo 204pp

This is an Intermediate/Advanced book in which the author introduces the strong club relay system with canapé bidding, a system he has been playing for several years. The theory and thinking behind the system is explained.



28. SMITH, Harry and Alex Adamson: SCOTLAND'S SENIOR MOMENT. £13.00

Toronto 2014 1st edition. 8vo 267pp

This is a General Interest book about the Scottish team which qualified for the 2013 World Championships in Bali. Harry Smith was the team's NPC. Many hands from their encounter plus a description of their travels and experiences.



29. SMITH, Marc: SHOULD I OR SHOULDN'T I? Subtitled £12.00
Drawing Trumps at Bridge

Toronto 2016 1st edition. 8vo 241pp

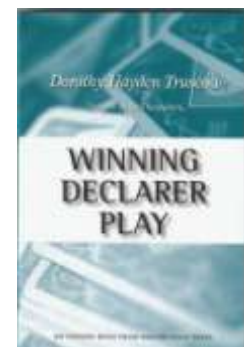
This is an Intermediate level book which looks at the less straightforward deals where you can't draw trumps and claim. All the various eventualities are covered by an author of more than 20 books already.



30. TRUSCOTT, Dorothy Hayden: WINNING DECLARER PLAY. £14.00

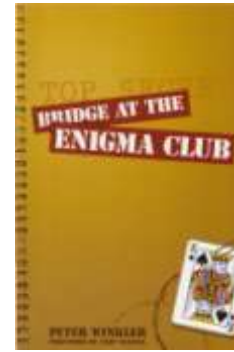
Toronto 2013 1st thus. 8vo 269pp

This is an Intermediate level book in which Gail Greenberg has updated Dorothy Hayden Truscott's classic title, long since out-of-print. I make no apology for continuing to list this classic book. It is one from which we can all learn plenty.



31. WINKLER, Peter: BRIDGE AT THE ENIGMA CLUB. **£11.00**
Toronto 2010 1st edition. 8vo 181pp

This is General Interest book, the author being a former cryptographer who originated the idea of encrypted signals 35 years ago and has fought for them to be accepted as legal. So, this novel, with many hands, introduces these concepts, which remain illegal in many bridge jurisdictions. Action doesn't take place at the Enigma Club for nothing.



I am indebted to Tim Bourke and John Sugden for letting me use some descriptions of the content of books. Some others come from earlier works by Leslie Parris and Bill Sachen.