

Card Game Books

BRIDGE, EPHEMERA, OTHER CARD GAMES AND PLAYING CARDS

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Another mixture of old, modern and new, with several which have not appeared in any earlier catalogue. I hope there's something for everyone.

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. As my other catalogues say, I pride myself on accurate descriptions and most faults are described; minor flaws are, however, ignored. Books are in very good, or better, condition unless otherwise stated. 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. I post out within 2-3 days.

1. **ANON: EASY LESSONS IN AUCTION BRIDGE.** **£25.00**
Cincinnati, Ohio 1922 1st edition. 12mo 120pp Dec card covers

Of interest to collectors, this small book was produced by the US Playing Card Co. It ran to four editions between 1922 and 1929 so, at the time, must have been considered beneficial to new players of the day.



2. **BERGEN, Marty: BETTER BIDDING WITH BERGEN.** **£7.00**
Subtitled *Volume Two Competitive Bidding, Fit Bids & More*
Louisville, Kentucky 1998 7th printing (1st 1986). 8vo 149pp Dec card covers

A collection of treatments and conventions for Standard American bidders. A little dated, but worth reading.

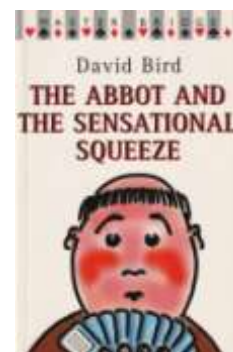


3. **BIRD, David:** THE ABBOT AND THE SENSATIONAL SQUEEZE.

£7.00

London 1999 1st edition. 8vo 128pp Dec card covers

More wonderful adventures of the card playing monks of St Titus.



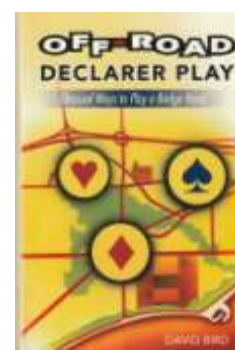
4. **BIRD, David:** OFF-ROAD DECLARER PLAY.

£10.00

Subtitled *Unusual Ways to Play a Bridge Hand*

Toronto 2007 1st edition. 8vo 217pp Dec card covers. As new

Fourteen uncommon themes of declarer play are examined at the advanced to expert level. There are four quizzes at the end of each chapter to test readers' success in absorbing the techniques.



5. **BOURKE, Tim:** MAASTRICHT CHALLENGE BRIDGE QUIZ.

£5.00

London 2001 1st edition. 8vo 128pp Dec card covers as new

A book of quality, advanced-expert level quizzes that will test almost any reader.



6. **CAMERON, Judson J:** CHEATING AT BRIDGE.

£4.00

Subtitled *Go Home with the Winners*

Las Vegas, Nevada 1973 1st thus (1st 1933). 12mo 188pp Dec card covers, some loose pages

A Gambler's Book Club reissue of the original text, it discusses the methods of cheating at Rubber Bridge used by card sharps.



7. **CLARK, Cumberland: THE HUMOURS OF BRIDGE. £80.00**

London 1926 1st edition. 8vo 134pp Blue cloth with bright gilt to spine and cover

The book is illustrated with wonderful colour drawings by John Hassall (one of which is shown) and their quaint humour give the book a warm feeling. The 1928 edition is much easier to find, but this 1926 private edition is very scarce.



8. **CULBERTSON, Ely, Josephine Culbertson, Theodore A Lightner and Waldemar Von Zedtwitz: FAMOUS HANDS OF THE CULBERTSON-LENZ MATCH. £80.00**

New York 1932 1st edition. 8vo 438pp Brown cloth.

An entertaining analysis of this famous Rubber Bridge challenge, presented with the expected bias from Culbertson in his sections of the book. Culbertson's team used his system, whilst Lenz and Co used the rival Official system. The book is almost entirely on the bidding, which was pretty bad by today's standards. A rare item



9. **EICHENBAUM, Ken: A MODERN APPROACH TO TWO-OVER-ONE. £7.00**

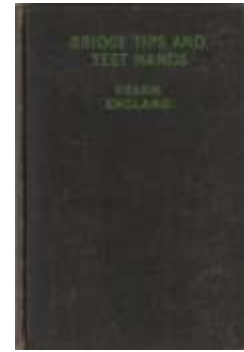
Toronto 2012 1st edition. 8vo 117pp Dec card covers. As new

Aimed at the intermediate to advanced player, the book adds modern treatments. The advice on the cover is "We can no longer live in the past with limited tools. If you want to be competitive in this modern age of bidding, get out of the stone age and enter the 21st century!" And so say all of us.....!



10. **ENGLAND, Frank:** BRIDGE TIPS AND TEST HANDS. **£25.00**
London 1932 1st edition. 12mo 100pp Black cloth no dw

There are 50 quizzes on suit combinations and 50 single dummy problems at the intermediate level.



11. **FELDHEIM, Harold:** TACTICAL BIDDING. **£10.00**
Los Alamitos, California 1992 1st edition. 8vo 228pp Dec card covers

The author argues for an active style in disrupting the opponents, with a useful discussion of tools such as conventions and the Law of Total Tricks.



12. **GRANOVETTER, Matthew and Pamela:** BRIDGE CONVENTIONS IN DEPTH. **£10.00**
Toronto 2003 1st edition. 8vo 290pp Dec card covers. As new

An excellent book which, at times, advocates either inconsistent or non-standard approaches to conventional bidding but, nonetheless, it gives much food for thought even when doing so.



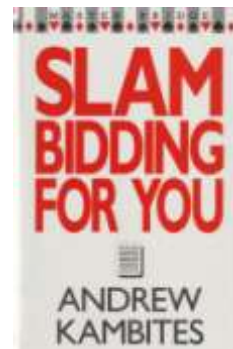
13. **HORTON, Mark:** THE HANDS OF TIME. **£10.00**
Subtitled *The Most Exciting Bridge Hands Ever Played*
Toronto 2005 1st edition. 8vo 192pp Dec card covers Almost as new

A collection of interesting hands which are well presented and enjoyable to read about. Whether all are worthy of inclusion in the best 100, is like trying to agree on the best England cricket or football team of all time.



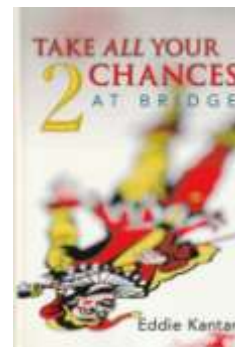
14. **KAMBITES, Andrew:** SLAM BIDDING FOR YOU. **£6.00**
London 1992 1st edition. 8vo 144pp Grey cloth dw As new

There is little to add when the title tells you all you need to know. Suffice it to say that many of us will be familiar with the author's offerings in magazines and his straightforward, clear style ought to appeal to everyone.



15. **KANTAR, Edwin B:** TAKE ALL YOUR CHANCES AT BRIDGE - 2. **£10.00**
Toronto 2009 1st edition. 8vo 160pp Dec card covers

One hundred quizzes, some marked 'advanced', some marked 'advanced plus' and many unmarked, which are still tricky, as Kantar reminds us, displaying his usual humour. At the end there is a list which shows the theme of each hand. It's marked as 'Intermediate' but it's more testing than that.



16. **KERWIN, Madeleine:** ONE OVER ONE FOR EVERYONE. **£15.00**
Subtitled (*The Philip Hal Sims System*)/*The bidding tactics of the master players*.
New York 1932 1st edition. 12mo 116pp Blue cloth no dw

A well written outline of the historically important One-Over-One system, in which a new suit by responder or opener at the one level was forcing.



17. **LADERMAN, Julian:** A BRIDGE TO INSPIRED DECLARER PLAY. **£7.00**
Toronto 2009 1st edition. 8vo 175pp Dec card covers. As new

There are 38 fairly basic declarer play quizzes and a further 38 deals which are offered as alternatives for teachers. There are two appendices about probabilities, whilst the Index lists the types of play in the first 38 quizzes.



18. **LAWRENCE, Mike:** DOUBLE! NEW MEANINGS FOR AN OLD BID. **£12.00**

Los Alamitos, California 2002 1st edition, 8vo 199pp Dec card covers.
As new

This is another superb piece of work by Mike Lawrence. His book on takeout doubles was subtitled *Book one in the series on doubles*. No book two ever appeared, so this should be regarded as a sequel. There are about 35 different doubles covered – and no book on the subject is complete with the Stripe Tailed Ape Double (page 151).



19. **LYNCH, WARREN J:** CULBERTSON FOR MORONS. **£12.00**

New York 1931 1st edition. 8vo dec boards, no dw
Illustrations by Frank W Peers; **signed** by the author to title page
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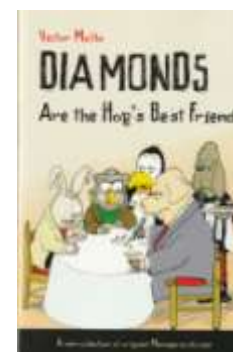
I'll pull no punches! It's a collection of truly awful verses which aim to help the target audience memorise Culbertson. As a collector's item, this is a very clean copy; it was, seemingly, issued with a dustwrapper but it is signed. I reckon there are not many copies about.



20. **MOLLO, Victor:** DIAMONDS ARE THE HOG'S BEST FRIEND. **£10.00**

Toronto 2013 1st edition. 8vo 215pp Dec card covers As new

Compiled by Mark Horton, this is the second Master Point collection of lost *Menagerie* gems. The beginning of each chapter has an illustration, the size of a large postage stamp, in similar style to the cover. The characters and the quality of the hands should not require any description



21. **POTTAGE, Julian:** WIN THE BIG MATCH. **£5.00**

London 2004 1st edition. 8vo 160pp Dec card covers As new

Similar in style to Kelsey's *Test Your Match Play*, it features a 64 board match with excellent quizzes.



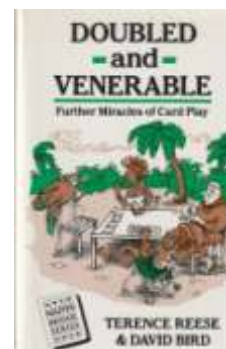
22. **REESE, Terence:** PLAY THESE HANDS WITH ME. **£15.00**
London 1976 1st edition. 8vo 195pp Green cloth dw

I included a modern version of this Reese classic in the first list, but here is a 1st edition. A great collection of 60 declarer play problems using the ‘over-the-shoulder’ approach which Reese pioneered. For the 2001 edition all the hands were checked using Deep Finesse and only two minor errors were unearthed.



23. **REESE, Terence and David Bird:** DOUBLED AND VENERABLE. **£10.00**
London 1987 1st edition. 8vo 183pp Dark green cloth dw As new

A first edition of one of the famous series of humorous adventures of the Abbot and his crew.



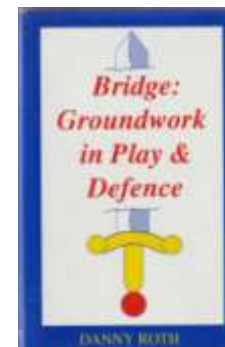
24. **REXFORD, Ken:** REALLY UNUSUAL NOTRUMP (R.U.N.T.). **£7.00**
Toronto 2012 1st edition. 8vo 95pp Dec card covers. As new

I take my lead from the back cover! “R.U.N.T. is...a two-way overcalling structure to distinguish a very sound takeout double from a weak three-suited takeout by way of an artificial 1NT overcall – preempting and intervening in the auction safely and effectively.” It seems to be all about making bridge fun...but for whom is not clear!



25. **ROTH, Danny:** GROUNDWORK IN PLAY AND DEFENCE. **£6.00**
London 1992 1st edition. 8vo 157pp Blue cloth dw

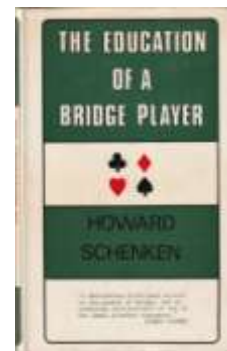
This book contains 60 advanced-level quizzes on play, defence and the opening lead.



26. **SCHENKEN, Howard:** THE EDUCATION OF A BRIDGE PLAYER. **£8.00**

London 1976 1st UK (1st USA 1973). 8vo 221pp Black cloth dw

This is Schenken's autobiography. There is a loose sheet of paper with page references and notes which I know from personal experience were used by another author in a book about the history of the game and its earlier players. The book contains many instructive hands and advice.



27. **SENIOR, Brian:** HAND EVALUATION IN BRIDGE. **£5.00**

London 1998 1st edition. 8vo 141pp Dec card covers

There is an assumed Acol base, but much of the advice applies to Standard American auctions. The book covers the subject well and there is some material on the Law of Total Tricks, as an aid to judgement in competitive auctions.



28. **SHEPARD, E V:** SCIENTIFIC AUCTION BRIDGE. **£80.00**

New York 1913 1st edition. 12mo 241pp Dark green cloth with gilt dec to front cover and spine

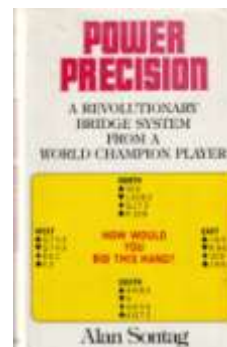
The author was considered to be the top expert on the odds of the game and some of this reputation comes through in his attempt to put forward a scientific approach to Auction. A rare item.



29. **SONTAG, Alan:** POWER PRECISION. **£12.00**

London 1980 1st UK edition (1st USA 1979). 8vo 319pp Red cloth dw

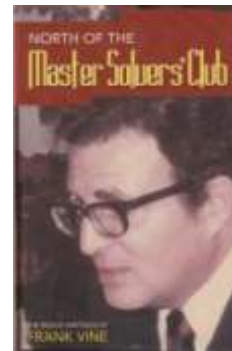
Describes this version of Precision intertwined with the story of Sontag and Weichsell winning the Cavendish pairs, which makes the details of the system a more enjoyable read.



30. **VINE, Frank (editor Ray Lee): NORTH OF THE MASTER SOLVERS' CLUB.** **£8.00**

Toronto 2008 1st edition. 8vo 183pp Dec card covers. As new

This delightful collection of the author's humorous articles includes many which were not in the booklet (*The Best of Frank Vine* – see a future list) published by *The Bridge World* in 1989.



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.