

Card Game Books

BRIDGE, EPHEMERA, OTHER CARD GAMES AND PLAYING CARDS

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Christmas is coming! So, in addition to the usual list of books, I've included some mounted prints to solve Christmas presents for those who have everything. I think you'll like them.

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. **BETHELL, Victor:** BRIDGE REFLECTIONS. **£45.00**

Subtitled *Containing problems and solutions and "maxims to be remembered"*

London 1908 1st edition. 16mo 165pp Orange cloth not published with dw

A series of quizzes on bidding and play are posed. Although some of the answers would not have found favour at the time, the solutions are generally sound.



2. **BIRD, David and Taf Anthias:** WINNING SUIT CONTRACT LEADS. **£10.00**

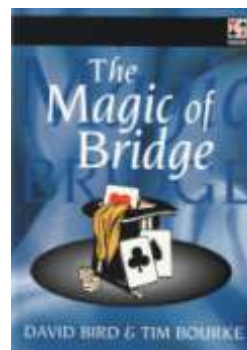
Toronto 2012 1st edition. 8vo 232pp Dec card covers. As new

A sister volume to the authors' *Winning Notrump Leads*, the book uses computer simulations to analyse the best opening leads. For every hand they generate 5,000 deals that match the North – South bidding. The hands are then played automatically, using computer software, to see which leads work best. Said sister volume is also available.



3. **BIRD, David and Tim Bourke:** THE MAGIC OF BRIDGE. £8.00
London 2001 1st edition. 8vo 160pp Dec card covers. As new

An excellent collection of hands, grouped into thirteen chapters, and entertainingly presented.



4. **BROWN, John:** BRIDGE WITH DORA. £8.00
London 1965 1st edition. 12mo 172pp Maroon cloth dw

A presentation of some interesting hands, using a group of fictional characters. A very good copy.



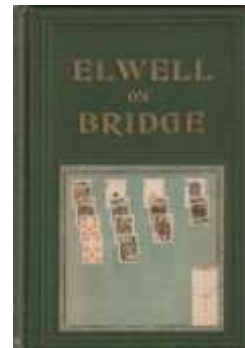
5. **“DOE, John”:** THE BRIDGE MANUAL ILLUSTRATED. £30.00
London 1901 3rd edition. 12mo 122pp + 15 pages of hand illustrations plus a further 16 pages of delightful period adverts, brown cloth with gilt dec, aeg, not published with dw

“John Doe” was Francis Reginald Roe who, according to some sources, was a founder of auction bridge when stationed in India at the end of the 19th century. His book *Auction Bridge* published in Allahabad in 1899 is one of the earliest books on the game.



6. **ELWELL, Joseph Bowne:** BRIDGE – ITS PRINCIPLES AND RULES OF PLAY. £28.00
New York 1905 2nd edition (1st 1902). 16mo 136pp Dark green dec cloth, gilt dec to front cover and spine, illustrative hand in colour to lower front cover (30HCPS!!)

Elwell was one of the early writer on the game, spanning books published from 1902 – 1913. He is remembered in the USA chiefly as the victim of one of the most celebrated murders of the 20th century.



7. **EWEN, Robert B:** PRE-EMPTIVE BIDDING. £5.00
London 1976 1st UK edition. 8vo 162pp Green cloth dw

First published in the USA in 1975, the book gives solid coverage of the subject.



8. **GROSE, Lt. Col. J:** SLAM BIDDING AT CONTRACT. £15.00
London 1934 1st edition. 16mo 66pp Orange paperboard covers.
Complete with the bidding cards in pouch inside rear cover

Twenty hands from famous matches of the era are used. Partners can test their slam bidding using the ten cards. Rarely seen, and rarely complete with the cards.



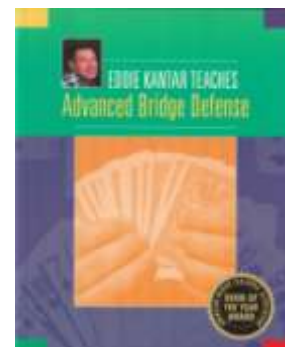
9. **HORTON, Mark:** BRIDGE MASTER VERSUS BRIDGE AMATEUR. £10.00
Toronto 2007 1st edition. 8vo 183pp Dec card covers. As new

There are three sections: bidding, play and defence. The idea is that the hand is played twice, once with a goodish player having to make the decision, the second with a master in the same role. The book then shows why the master's choices are better.



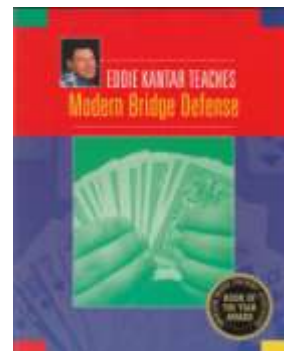
10. **KANTAR, Edwin B:** ADVANCED BRIDGE DEFENSE. £12.00
Toronto 1999 1st edition. Large 8vo 240pp Dec card covers. As new

A superb book which is a worthy sequel to the item below.



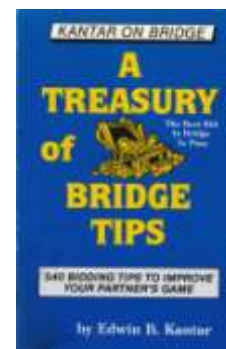
11. **KANTAR, Edwin B: MODERN BRIDGE DEFENSE.** £12.00
Toronto 1999 1st edition. 8vo 240pp Dec card covers. As new

An excellent book, that is Part 1 of the updating of Kantar's 1970s classic on defence. It has an outstanding layout with many quizzes and summary points.



12. **KANTAR, Edwin B: A TREASURY OF BRIDGE TIPS.** £8.00
Glendale, California 1992 1st edition. 8vo 163pp Dec card covers

A collection of well-illustrated tips from the author's classes.



13. **KING, Phillip and Robert: YOUR DEAL, MR BOND.** £8.00
London 1997 1st edition. 8vo 128pp Dec card covers, sunning to spine

Comprises enjoyable, funny and well-written bridge-related parodies of the films *Some Like it Hot*, *Frankenstein* and, naturally, Bond films.



14. **LAWRENCE, Mike: THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO PASSED HAND BIDDING.** £12.00
Toronto 2011 2nd edition (1st1989). 8vo 207pp Dec card covers

This – so the cover says – is the definitive book on auctions that begin in the third or fourth seat, thus how responses by the passed hand change their meanings. It's never been out of print and this second edition takes into account modern bidding developments.



15. **McCANCE, Ian:** THE SETTING TRICK. **£10.00**

Subtitled *Practical Problems in Bridge Defense*

Toronto 2008 1st edition. 8vo 159pp Dec card covers. As new

An enjoyable collection of 100 intermediate level defence problems.

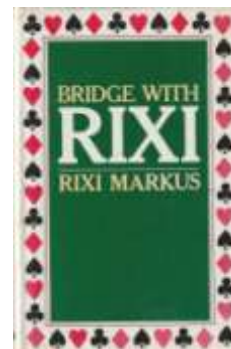


16. **MARKUS. Rixi:** BRIDGE WITH RIXI. **£8.00**

London 1983 1st edition. 8vo 167pp Green cloth dw

Seventy three interesting hands, grouped by type, presented with the author's characteristic flair and prejudices.

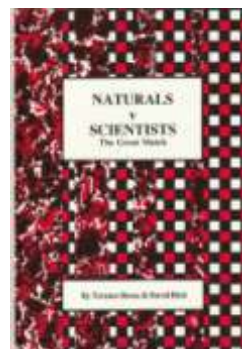
NOTE: this is one of many 1980s books (across all subjects) which was printed on low grade paper which has browned.



17. **REESE, Terence and David Bird:** NATURALS V SCIENTISTS:
THE GREAT MATCH. **£8.00**

Nottingham 1992 1st edition. 8vo 152pp Dec card covers. As new

Features hands played from the match held at the Hyde Park Hotel,
London 27-28 January 1992



18. **REESE, Terence and Julian Pottage:** THE EXTRA EDGE IN
PLAY. **£6.00**

Toronto 2005 2nd edition (1st 1994). 8vo 152pp Dec card covers

This revised and expanded edition adds another 25 problems to the 50
which featured in the 1994 edition. All the additional hands match the
quality of the declarer play quizzes in the original.



19. **STARK, Andy:** THE WEAK NOTRUMP. **£8.00**

Subtitled *How to Play it, How to Play Against it*
Toronto 2006 1st edition. 8vo 196pp Dec card covers

A look at the benefits and consequences, including the downsides, of opening a weak NT. However, the author recommends extending the shapes to include 5 card majors, regardless of suit quality, 6322 hands with a minor and 5422, where experience shows that these are losing tactics, especially the last two.



20. **TEUKOLSKY, Roselyn:** HOW TO PLAY BRIDGE WITH YOUR SPOUSE....AND SURVIVE! **£6.00**

Toronto 2002 2nd edition (1st 1991). 8vo 192pp Dec card covers. As new

An entertaining and amusing collection of stories and advice on the subject. This second edition has major revisions, slanting it more towards social players.



21. **UNDERWOOD, J Y:** CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRACT BRIDGE. **£80.00**

New York 1931 1st edition. 8vo 378pp Grey cloth

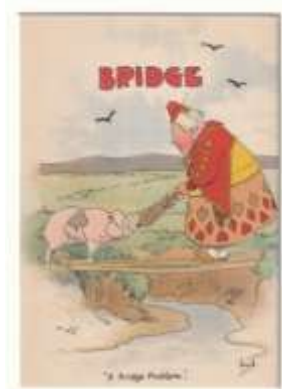
An examination of a pre-Blue Book bidding method. The Bibliography is not complementary on the author's system, or the chapters on play and penalties for improprieties. This is, however, a rare item.



The prints below are all mounted in 30 x 21 cms white mounts. Each is by John Hassall and they come from a book by Cumberland Clark entitled *The Humours of Bridge*. I took no pleasure in breaking up a book – something I've never previously done – but it was not in a fit state to sell. Indeed several of the prints were damaged. Each print is £8.00 post free and I'm happy to deduct £1.00 for each other one bought ie 2 for £15.00; 3 f or £22.00 etc. Simply, any other one is £7.00.

I realise that these illustrations may be too small to give a clear indication of the image. If you would like a larger image, please ask.

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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.