

Card Game Books

BRIDGE, EPHEMERA, OTHER CARD GAMES AND PLAYING CARDS

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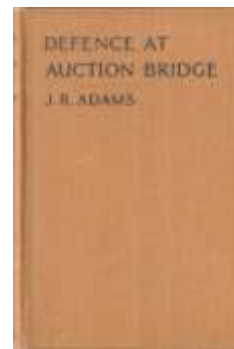
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Quite a bit of new material, along with some more dated items, all covering a rich cross section of subjects.

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.

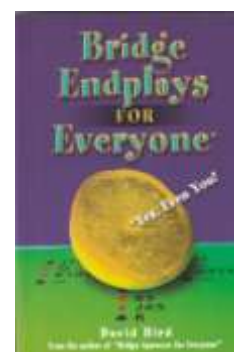
1. **ADAMS, J R:** DEFENCE AT AUCTION BRIDGE. **£30.00**
London 1930 1st edition. 8vo 140pp Light brown cloth no dw

Interesting as one of the few early books on defensive play. The advice is generally sound and the 35 deals are well chosen. The author was a prominent member of Sydney Bridge Club.



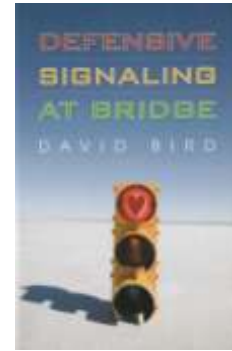
2. **BIRD, David:** BRIDGE ENDPLAYS FOR EVERYONE. **£8.00**
Toronto 2008 1st edition. 8vo 271pp Dec card covers. As new

Fourteen chapters to take the reader from basics to exotica, with the material covering a wide range in between. David Bird's writing style is easy to read and many of the deals come from Tim Bourke. It's marked as 'Intermediate/Advanced'.



3. **BIRD, David:** DEFENSIVE SIGNALLING AT BRIDGE. **£10.00**
Toronto 2010 1st edition. 8vo 239pp Dec card covers. As new

An intermediate level book covering various aspects of defensive signalling, with a recommended set of signalling agreements. The last chapter looks at the signalling methods of eight world class pairs – Townsend and Gold are the British representatives.



4. **BOYDEN, Elizabeth Clark and Mrs. Prescott Warren:**
PRINCIPLES OF AUCTION BRIDGE CONDENSED. **£65.00**
New York & Boston 1926 1st edition. 12mo 60pp Black cloth not published with dw; gilt dec to cover

The book is in folder format which would allow individual pages to be removed and replaced. There are some pencil notes to the later pages. Despite the title, there are pieces about Contract, using pre-Culbertson bidding. A rare item



5. **BROCK, Raymond:** THE BEST OF GRAY. **£10.00**
High Wycombe 1999 1st edition. 8vo 186pp Dec card covers. As new

A reverential reworking of the Harrison-Gray classic, covering much material from Gray's own book, but with some additional material.



6. **CULBERTSON, Ely:** CONTRACT BRIDGE CHAMPIONSHIP OF 1933. **£35.00**
London 1933 1st edition. 8vo 390pp Red cloth no dw

This was the first match for the Charles M Schwab Trophy played in the Palm Court at Selfridges. There is a press cutting by G C H Fox from February 1986 included, which covers hand 290 from the contest. Also included, marking hand 290, is a rubber bridge scorecard of infinitely better quality than those we see today.



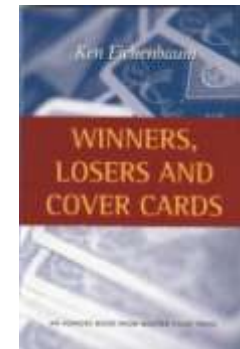
7. **DARVAS, Robert and Norman De Vere Hart: RIGHT THROUGH THE PACK.** £20.00
New York 1947 1st USA edition. 8vo 328pp Brown cloth no dw

One of the best loved bridge books of all time, each of the 52 cards in the deck tells a story as the hero of the hand. The deals are a triumph of the authors' imagination. The analysis is perfect, and the pleasure in reading it is sublime, regardless of the number of times one has already done so.



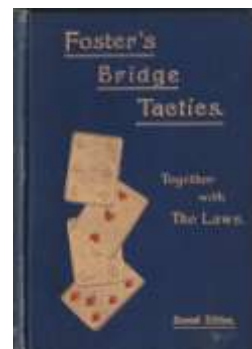
8. **EICHENBAUM, Ken: WINNERS, LOSERS AND COVER CARDS.** £8.00
Toronto 2010 1st edition. 8vo 190pp Dec card covers. As new

An intermediate/advanced level book which aims to guide the reader through ways to better evaluate the real power, or weakness, of a hand. One is then shown how to use this knowledge to your advantage.



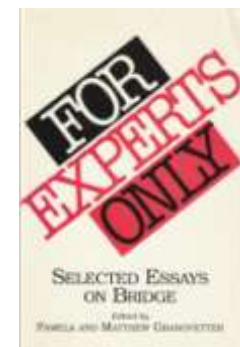
9. **FOSTER, R F: FOSTER'S BRIDGE TACTICS.** £12.00
London 1906 2nd edition (1st 1903). 12mo 215pp Dark blue cloth with gilt dec to front board, aeg

The book attempts to explain the basics of the game and covers bridge-whist. The description of duplicate bridge is revealing, given the date of publication. You would recognise it as something we once used to play at a club!



10. **GRANOVETTER, Matthew and Pamela Granovetter: FOR EXPERTS ONLY.** £6.00
Cleveland Heights, Ohio 1993 1st edition. 8vo 207pp Dec card covers

A collection of previously published articles by a range of well-known and not-so-well-known authors. Reese, Kantar and Rubens are in the first group, whilst Phil Martin, Steve Bloom and Michael Rosenberg are in the latter. Rosenberg's *Ethics for Experts* is worth reading. What does a short huddle convey?



11. **HORTON, Mark and Jan Van Cleeff: THE MYSTERIOUS MULTI.** £10.00

Subtitled *How to Play it How to Play Against It*
Toronto 2010 1st edition. 8vo 208pp Dec card covers. As new

This book not only covers the ‘normal’ Multi 2D, but a variety of other ‘multi’ bids, such as multi Landy. The best defences to Multi 2D are covered.



12. **HUGHES, Roy: THE CONTESTED AUCTION.** £12.00

Toronto 2012 1st edition. 8vo 334pp Dec card covers. As new

Eric Kokish describes the book thus: “this essential master work presents cogent options while covering an increasingly complex area of bidding”.



13. **KANTAR, Edwin B: KANTAR ON KONTRACT.** £8.00

Toronto 2004 1st edition. 8vo 154pp Dec card covers. As new

Many excellent hands, many good stories and, as always, with Eddie Kantar you get humour as well as instruction. It’s marked as a ‘General Interest’ book, so it will appeal to any of us.



14. **KAUDER, James S: THE BRIDGE PHILOSOPHER.** £10.00

Poughkeepsie, New York 2005 1st edition. 8vo 238pp Dec card covers
As new. Originally published in 1972 under the title *Creative Card Play*.

There are 61 hands in an over-the-shoulder style which Terence Reese invented. Here the author manages to add in all manner of quirky anecdotes which make this an absorbing book.



15. **LADERMAN, Julian:** A BRIDGE TO SIMPLE SQUEEZES. **£8.00**

Toronto 2007 2nd edition (1st 2005 New York). 8vo 151pp Dec card covers

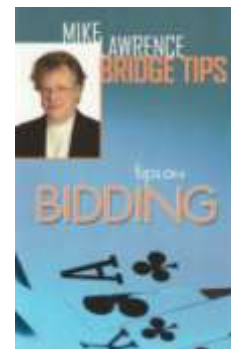
As well as covering the basics of squeeze play, this second edition includes much additional material – criss-cross, trump and triple squeezes.



16. **LAWRENCE, Mike:** TIPS ON BIDDING. **£10.00**

Toronto 2015 1st edition. 8vo 286pp Dec card covers. As new

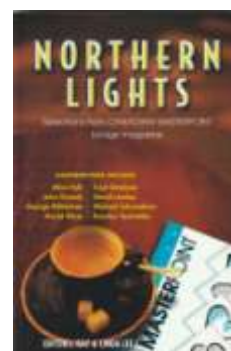
In the early 1990s Mike Lawrence produced a series of 30 books under a banner heading *Topics*. This book covers 10 topics, having been updated to reflect Lawrence's changing ideas in some cases.



17. **LEE, Ray and Linda:** NORTHERN LIGHTS. **£8.00**

Toronto 2003 1st edition. 8vo 186pp Dec card covers. As new

Subtitled *Selections from Canadian Masterpoint Bridge Magazine*, the book features 50 articles from the now defunct magazine. These 50 were judged the best ones which provide amusing, challenging and entertaining reading.



18. **MANNING FOSTER, A E:** BRIDGE PLAFOND. **£50.00**

London 1933 1st edition. 12mo 93pp Green cloth no dw

The game is contract bridge with an Auction form of scoring. The best part of the book remains the section with 10 deals from the Culbertson's 1933 Plafond match in Paris against a top French team.



19. **MUNGER, Robert:** KICKBACK – SLAM BIDDING AT BRIDGE. **£5.00**

Toronto 2014 1st edition. 8vo 75pp Dec card covers. As new

Kickback is the brainchild of Jeff Rubens and has been around since 1981. It may, therefore, have led a sheltered life, but is a variation of RKCB. Marked as a book for Intermediate/Advanced players, I gained the impression it's more for the latter category.



20. **NORTHOP, Eugene and Arthur Stein:** MATHEMATICAL ODDS IN CONTRACT BRIDGE. **£16.00**

London 1934 1st UK edition (1st USA 1934). 12mo 93pp Black cloth no dw. The staining to the title page is NOT replicated throughout the book but there are a few age spots.

An interesting and entertaining look at the subject, with the usual mathematical tables.



21. **POTTAGE, Julian:** DEFEND OR DECLARE? **£6.00**

Toronto 2012 1st edition. 8vo 144pp Dec card covers. As new

This is a sequel to the author's 2003 book, *Play or Defend*, where both provide hands in which you are asked the question – defend or declare? This one has 72 hands.



22. **REESE, Terence:** THE EXPERT GAME. **£20.00**

London 1958 1st edition. 8vo 190pp Blue cloth dw

This is regarded as one of the great bridge books and was one of the first books written purely for experts, or those who aspire to such heights. It contains Reese's pithy writing and a superb selection of deals. It's a book to be absorbed over time. I have many other editions in stock, but here is a 1st edition with a dustwrapper, albeit having had a mug of tea stood on it – sacrilege!



23. **REESE, Terence and Julian Pottage:** POSITIVE DECLARER'S PLAY. **£10.00**

London 1986 1st edition. 8vo 128pp Black cloth dw. As new

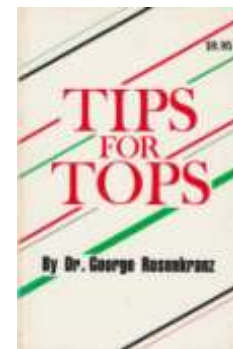
A good collection, regarded as made better by Reese's sparse text, this 1st edition having 60 deals. Later editions had more hands, but the text was altered to the detriment of the book.



24. **ROSENKRANZ, George:** TIPS FOR TOPS. **£6.00**

Louisville, Kentucky 1988 1st edition. 8vo 224pp Dec card covers

The author was Mexico's most successful player and founder of the Romex system. There are 36 chapters divided between bidding, defence and declarer play, and each chapter ends with a tip.



25. **SHEINWOLD, Alfred:** THE POCKET BOOK OF BRIDGE PUZZLES 1 - 6. **£30.00**

New York 1970 1st edition. 12mo 191pp Paperback

There are 6 books in the series each containing 90 or so of Sheinwold's well constructed syndicated columns.



26. **SILVER, David and Tim Bourke:** THE CANTERBURY BRIDGE TALES. **£8.00**

Toronto 2015 1st edition. 8vo 159pp Dec card covers. As new

Another Professor Silver book, in which a disparate group of travellers meet in a motel on the way to the Nationals in Canterbury, Florida. A collection of short stories interwoven with brilliant hands from Tim Bourke.



27. **STEWART, Frank:** BECOMING A BRIDGE EXPERT. £10.00
Toronto 2001 1st edition. Large 8vo 300pp Dec card covers
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The book offers 67 tips on various aspects of the game: 15 each on constructive bidding, play, defence and competitive bidding, plus 7 on the personal side – honour your partner etc.



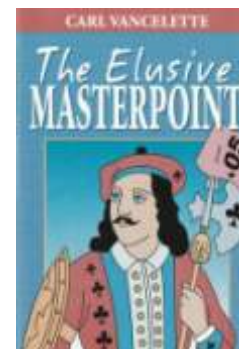
28. **TREBLE, Bill:** GETTING INTO THE BIDDING. £8.00
Toronto 2012 1st edition. 8vo 224pp Dec card covers. As new

An intermediate level book providing practical advice about how players can compete and a final chapter with quizzes on the material,



29. **VANCELETTE, Carl:** THE ELUSIVE MASTERPOINT. £8.00
Poughkeepsie, New York 2006 1st edition. 8vo 256pp Dec card covers

A readable book covering the author's development from a beginner to ACBL Life Master.



30. **ZINES, Dennis:** EVERYDAY BRIDGE ADVENTURES. £6.00
London 2015 1st edition. 8vo 154pp Dec card covers. As new
Illustrated by Max Mendez

The back cover describes this as not an educational book but potentially one where you can pick it up at any time for a slight bridge diversion from whatever else that you were doing that you really didn't want to do. There are six loosely themed chapters. The author is Australian, which I mention because you may not have heard of him before



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.