

# Card Game Books

## BRIDGE, EPHEMERA, OTHER CARD GAMES AND PLAYING CARDS

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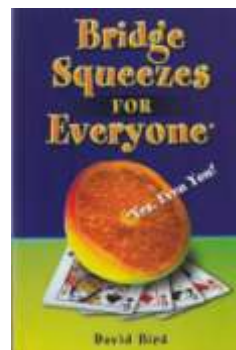
### ELIST No. 10

A good mix of old and new books and some in between; most are 1<sup>st</sup> editions with dustwrappers. I hope there's something which appeals.

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. **BIRD, David: BRIDGE SQUEEZES FOR EVERYONE. £7.00**  
Toronto, 2002 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 8vo 221pp Dec card covers. As new

At the time, the new classic on the subject. The quizzes are designed to help any reader absorb the text.



2. **BIRD, David and Taf Anthias: WINNING NOTRUMP LEADS. £10.00**  
Toronto 2011 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 8vo 200pp Dec card covers. As new

A sister volume to the authors' *Winning Suit Contract 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 still available for List 9.



3. **COFFIN, George S:** CONTRACT BRIDGE FOR 3. **£18.00**  
New York 1956 1<sup>st</sup> US edition. 12mo 53pp Blue cloth dw  
Dedication from the author “To John Clay 26-27 January 1983”

South and North can both bid with West (the dummy) exposed before East can speak. Bill Sachen remarks that if three players are ever stranded on a desert island, they will be thankful if they have this book and a deck of cards.



4. **COHEN, Ben:** TEST YOUR BRIDGE. **£7.00**  
London 1962 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 12mo 227pp Black cloth dw

Naturally a strong Acol bias from one of its founders. In addition to bidding and play quizzes there are all the hands from the Reese-Simon par booklets of the 1930s. The hands are interesting. Not often seen with dw.



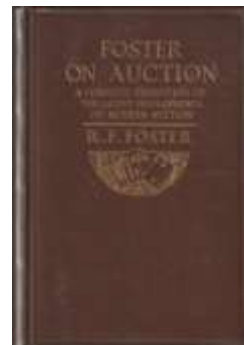
5. **COHEN, Larry:** BIDDING CHALLENGE. **£9.00**  
Toronto 2002 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 8vo 191pp Dec card covers

The cover suggests bidding the hands with your favourite partner and comparing your results with the international pairs tournaments where the hands were first played. You then get to read Cohen’s wry comments on where he, and other experts, went wrong.



6. **FOSTER, R F:** FOSTER ON AUCTION. **£32.00**  
Subtitled *A Complete Exposition of the Latest Developments of Modern Auction*  
New York 2<sup>nd</sup> edition 4<sup>th</sup> printing 1919 (1<sup>st</sup> 1918). 8vo Brown cloth with bright gilt title to spine and cover

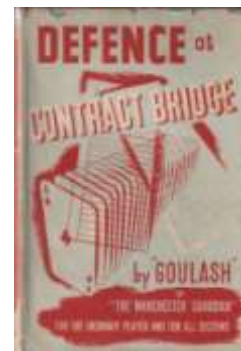
From its first printing in June 1918 the book went through 15 USA printings up to 1926 and 6 UK printings from 1919 to 1929. There are 131 illustrative deals (137 in later editions).



7. **'GOULASH'. Of the Manchester Guardian: DEFENCE AT CONTRACT BRIDGE.** £12.00

London 1950 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 12mo 188pp Grey cloth chipped dw  
'Goulash' was the pseudonym of Mr Canon Basil H. Davies

The book explores aspects of defensive bidding and play and in its day it provided reasonable advice for the average player. There are 12 full deals in the Appendix.



8. **HART, Norman de Vere: THE BRIDGE PLAYERS' BEDSIDE BOOK.** £10.00

London 1939 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 12mo 160pp Green cloth dw (minor tears)

The 41 deals which follow the introductory text are excellent reading, as they are largely drawn from European tournaments. A good feature is that when the analysis goes onto another page, the deal is replicated in small type.



9. **HUGHES, Roy: CARD BY CARD – ADVENTURES AT THE BRIDGE TABLE.** £8.00

Toronto 2006 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 8vo 240pp Dec card covers. As new

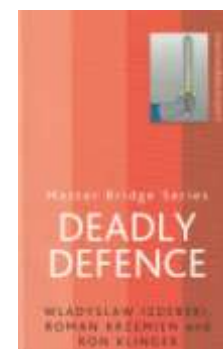
This book is marked as 'Advanced' and is an enjoyable entry in the over-the-shoulder style of declarer play quizzes.



10. **IZDEBSKI, Wladyslaw, Roman Krzemien and Ron Klinger: DEADLY DEFENCE.** £8.00

London 2011 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 8vo 192pp Dec card covers. As new

The cover details make a strong case for this being the most important book on defensive play since Kelsey's *Killing Defence*. Intermediate/expert level book.



11. **JANNERSTEN, Eric and Jan Wohlin: PLAY SAFE – AND WIN** **£10.00**

London 1981 1<sup>st</sup> UK edition (1<sup>st</sup> Sweden 1977). 8vo 160pp Red cloth dw

The book starts out as an intermediate book on safety plays; it begins with single suits then moves on to full deals, which are grouped by the nature of the problem.

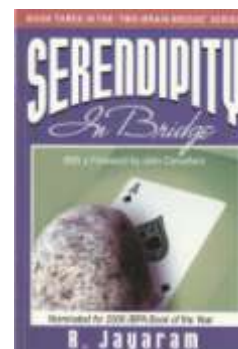


12. **JAYARAM, Raman: SERENDIPITY IN BRIDGE.** **£10.00**

Subtitled *Book Three in the 'Two-Brain Bridge' Series*

Poughkeepsie, New York 2005 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 8vo 147pp Dec card covers, mark to rear cover

This has much the same charm as the author's other two books, using an over-the-shoulder style. There are conversational quizzes.



13. **KELSEY, H W: KELSEY ON SQUEEZE PLAY TRIPLE SQUEEZES.** **£12.00**

London 1990 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 8vo 120pp Black cloth dw As new

Whether the subject warrants a full book is open to question, but some prefer Kelsey's separate books on squeezes than the compendium version.



14. **KLEINMAN, Danny: 365 WINNING BRIDGE TIPS.** **£8.00**

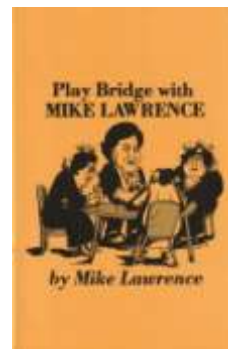
Toronto 2005 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 8vo 288pp Dec card covers

There is much good advice, but there is an emphasis on being creative rather than consistent.



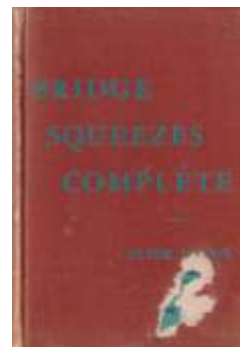
15. **LAWRENCE, Mike:** PLAY BRIDGE WITH MIKE LAWRENCE. **£10.00**  
Louisville, Kentucky 1983 1<sup>st</sup> edition, 8vo 232pp Dec card covers, spine sunned

Lawrence's books always seem to be in demand. This one is both enjoyable and instructive, providing interesting problems in another over-the-shoulder style. The book is set in a two-session Masters Pairs.



16. **LOVE, Clyde E:** BRIDGE SQUEEZES COMPLETE or WINNING ENDPLAY STRATEGY. **£5.00**  
New York 1959 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 8vo 260pp Dark red cloth no dw, a reading copy only

Love's books on squeeze play were originally regarded as classics on the subject. This one looks at the commonest squeezes in a mathematical way.



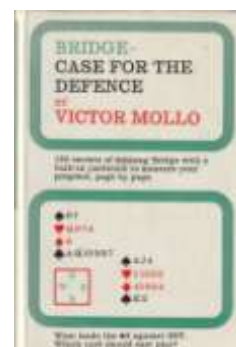
17. **MILES, Marshall:** INFERENCES AT BRIDGE. **£10.00**  
Toronto 2002 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 8vo 205pp Dec card covers

This looks at inferences available from the bidding, play and defence. The bidding section is interesting; that on play is strong, whilst that on defence is idiosyncratic.



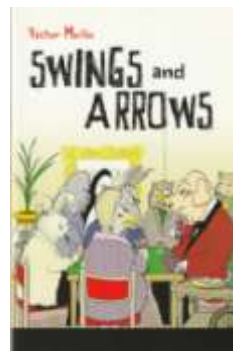
18. **MOLLO, Victor:** BRIDGE – THE CASE FOR THE DEFENCE **£10.00**  
London 1970 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 8vo 311pp Black cloth dw

This is an excellent collection of 150 hands presented in a problem format. Marks are awarded for correct answers and the book is guaranteed to improve the defence of any players except those that are already expert defenders. I don't profess to be good, but I learnt much from this book almost 50 years ago – I started young!



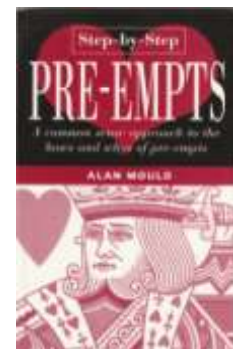
19. **MOLLO, Victor:** SWINGS AND ARROWS. **£10.00**  
Toronto 2014 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 8vo 215pp Dec card covers As new

This is the third collection of the lost *Menagerie* gems collected for the first time, collected and edited by Mark Horton.



20. **MOULD, Alan:** STEP-BY-STEP PRE-EMPTS. **£6.00**  
London 1997 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 8vo 143pp Dec card covers

An entertaining presentation that includes discussion of hand evaluation as well as the hazards and the benefits of pre-empts.



21. **PHILLIPS, Hubert:** ONE HUNDRED CONTRACT BRIDGE HANDS. **£15.00**  
London 1932 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 12mo 146pp Purple cloth no dw

This uses hands from match play to illustrate points of the Culbertson system. As Reese was not involved with this book the analyses are not always correct. Even Leslie Parris in 1975 described this aspect as very poor. The fun nowadays is spotting these errors.



22. **POTTAGE, Julian:** DEFEND THESE HANDS WITH ME. **£7.00**  
Toronto 2006 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 8vo 200pp Dec card covers. As new

Sixty interesting defensive problems presented in an instructive and entertaining over-the-shoulder style.





23. **REESE, Terence:** DEVELOP YOUR BIDDING JUDGEMENT. **£15.00**  
London 1962 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 8vo 254pp Dark green cloth dw, marks on front cover

The author presents a series of bidding problems and offers possible solutions, analyses these possibilities and then marks them out of 10. Although it's quite dated now, it remains interesting to see how he evaluates the options.



24. **REESE, Terence:** STORY OF AN ACCUSATION. **£10.00**  
New York 1966 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 8vo 246pp Dec card covers

The book concerns the World Bridge Championship, Buenos Aires, May 1965, and Reese presents his case that he and Schapiro were innocent of the cheating charge – using signals to indicate heart length.



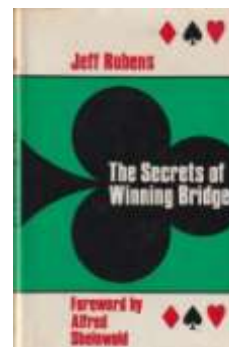
25. **ROTH, Danny:** STEP-BY-STEP DISCARDING. **£6.00**  
London 2000 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 8vo 144pp Dec card covers. As new

This examines how to preserve the defence's potential tricks when discarding. The categorised chapters have instruction, summary points and quizzes.



26. **RUBENS, Jeff:** THE SECRETS OF WINNING BRIDGE. **£15.00**  
London 1978 3<sup>rd</sup> UK reprint (1<sup>st</sup> US 1969). 8vo 241pp Black cloth dw

Recently reissued after being out of print for many years, early copies are hard to come by. It is regarded as one of the best books for those wishing to improve their game. The hand evaluation feature is good.



27. **RUSSELL, Carlton and Norman F Bonney: COMMON SENSE BRIDGE.** £25.00

Brookline, Mass. 1935 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 16mo 95pp Dark blue cloth no dw

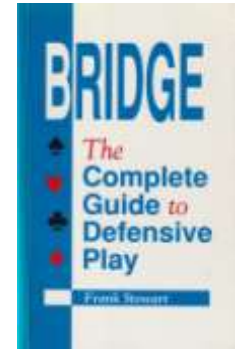
A bidding system at variance to Culbertson, with a section by Bonney on card play. A collector's item.



28. **STEWART, Frank and Derek Rimington: THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO DEFENSIVE PLAY.** £8.00

London 1994 1<sup>st</sup> UK paperback edition 1<sup>st</sup> published in the USA (1988) under the title *The Bridge Player's Comprehensive Guide to Defense*. 8vo 234pp Dec card covers

This is the anglicised version of Stewart's book which combines instructional text with many quizzes. An intermediate level book.



29. **THOMSON, Matthew: HOW TO BE A LUCKY PLAYER.** £10.00

Toronto 2013 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 8vo 181pp Dec card covers. As new

The author tells us that he explains how to evaluate the trick winning ability of a hand and how to execute the evaluation. There are hands from actual play to illustrate his approach. An intermediate level book.



30. **WATSON, Louis H: THE OUTLINE OF CONTRACT BRIDGE.**

£40.00

New York 1934 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 8vo 333pp Grey cloth torn dw neatly repaired. Name and army posting of previous owner to flyleaf.

The first part of the book covers 'modern expert bidding methods', the rest is on the play of the hand. Interestingly, he advocates that two-over-one is an absolute force, which was at variance with Culbertson. So, two-over-one is not so new!



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.