

Card Game Books

BRIDGE, EPHEMERA, OTHER CARD GAMES AND PLAYING CARDS

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Happy New Year! Another list with, hopefully, something for everyone. Most are quite modern, but the odd collector's item is included. If you see items which have been included before, it's because they sell well.

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 hope to post out within 2-3 days, even during the current lockdown

1. **BIRD, David:** 52 BRIDGE MISTAKES TO AVOID. **£10.00**
Toronto 2014 1st edition. 8vo 220pp Dec card covers. As new

The difference between 'us' and 'them' is that they make fewer mistakes, so if you can eradicate these 52 common mistakes your game will improve.....and you may become 'one of them'!



2. **BOEHM, Augie:** THREE NOTRUMP IN DEPTH. **£10.00**
New York 2007 1st edition. 8vo 176pp Dec card covers. As new

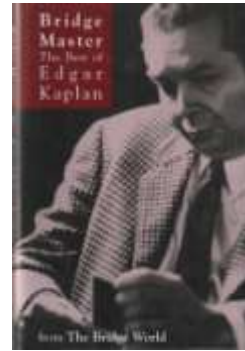
The first part concerns bidding 3NT, the second is about the play and defence. This is a good book.



3. **BRIDGE WORLD, THE: BRIDGE MASTER - THE BEST OF EDGAR KAPLAN.** £15.00

Scarsdale, New York 2004 1st edition. 8vo 256pp Dark red cloth dw. As new

This book celebrates Kaplan's contributions to bridge. He was a great writer and player and the book contains many articles which he produced for *Bridge World*.



4. **BROWN, John: BRIDGE WITH DORA.** £8.00

London 1965 1st edition. 12mo 172pp Maroon cloth dw

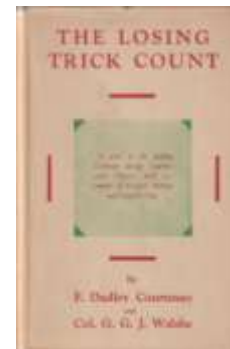
A presentation of some interesting hands, using a group of fictional characters.



5. **COURTENAY, F. Dudley and Col. G. G. J. Walshe: THE LOSING TRICK COUNT.** £15.00

London 1947 9th edition. 12mo 176pp Grey cloth dw

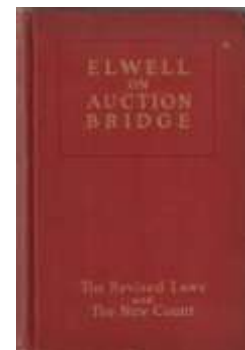
This was, initially, a revolt against the tyranny of honour tricks. As we know to our cost counting losers is not entirely foolproof, but is a sound secondary hand evaluation tool. From the 5th edition onwards some revisions were incorporated.



6. **ELWELL, Joseph Bowne: THE PRINCIPLES, RULES AND LAWS OF AUCTION BRIDGE.** £15.00

New York 1912 2nd edition (1st 1910). 16mo 235pp Red boards with gilt dec, aeg, no dw. The title on the spine is *Auction Bridge* and the title on front cover is *Elwell on Auction Bridge*.

A beautifully produced book which is an adaptation of the author's works on Bridge-Whist, taking into account the bidding components in the early versions of Auction.



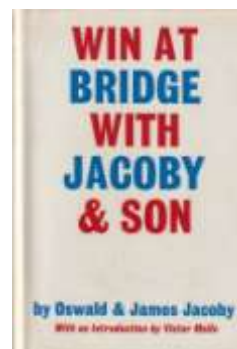
7. **GRANT, Audrey and Eric Rodwell:** THE JOY OF BRIDGE. **£7.00**
Surrey 1985 1st UK edition (1st 1984 in Canada & USA). 8vo 322pp Dec card covers. Some sunning to the spine

This is primarily a book for beginners and the basics are splendidly explained. It is based on a strong NT and 5 card majors. It does what the title says - it is a joy. The author is one of the USA's leading teachers.



8. **JACOBY, Oswald and James:** WIN AT BRIDGE WITH JACOBY AND SON. **£10.00**
London 1968 1st UK edition (1st USA 1966). 8vo 243pp Red cloth dw

There is a delightful biography of Oswald Jacoby, then the main part of the book is split into three sections: a basic Standard American system; basics of play; and sample deals.



9. **KANTAR, Edwin B:** TEST YOUR BRIDGE PLAY: VOLUME 2. **£8.00**
Toronto 2013 reprint (1st 1981). 8vo 234pp Dec card covers. Slight crease to one corner

A good sequel to Kantar's 1974 book of single dummy problems.



10. **KELSEY, H.W:** TEST YOUR MATCH PLAY. **£10.00**
London 1978 reprint (1st 1977). 8vo 190pp Red cloth dw

Sixty-four problems from an imaginary imps match in eight board segments. The reader is South and has to solve all the problems, which are tough, but enjoyable.



11. **LADERMAN, Julian: STILL NOT FINDING SQUEEZES?** £8.00

Toronto 2011 1st edition. 8vo 159pp Dec card covers. As new

This is, in some ways, a sequel to the author's earlier book on squeezes. Here, he uses the structured approach he recommended in the earlier book on 39 examples that David Bird and Tim Bourke created for their book – *Test Your Bridge Technique: The Simple Squeeze*.



12. **LAWRENCE, Mike: DYNAMIC DEFENSE.** £6.00
Louisville, Kentucky 1985 (1st 1982). 8vo 226pp Dec card covers, some spotting to top and side of pages, not affecting inside

A book which uses the over-the-shoulder approach for sixty-five defensive hands, utilizing Mike Lawrence's light style.



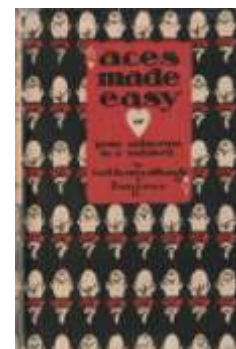
13. **LEDERER, Richard: MODERN CONTRACT AND DUPLICATE.** £15.00
London 1936 1st edition. 12mo 149pp Green cloth no dw

The first section deals with Rubber Bridge strategy and developments since his earlier book. The second section provides one of the earliest discussions of strategy, bidding and play at duplicate, much of which is still sound. The book is of considerable historical interest.



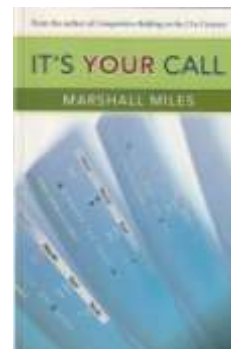
14. **McCULLOUGH, W.D.H. with illustrations by Fougasse: ACES MADE EASY.** £18.00
London 1934 2nd edition (1st 1934). 12mo 134pp Fawn cloth dw
Liberally illustrated with Fougasse cartoons

Humorous introduction to how to play the game, strictly for laughs as there are no hands or instruction. The cartoons are amusing, and have featured on the cover of most of my earlier catalogues. Editions with dustwrappers are scarce.



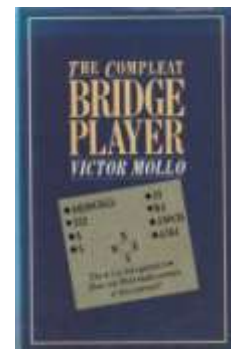
15. **MILES, Marshall: IT'S YOUR CALL.** £10.00
Toronto 2009 1st edition. 8vo 220pp Dec card covers. As new

For those of you who thrive on bidding quizzes (of the sort that used to appear in *Bridge Magazine*) this is a book you will enjoy. There's a long list of panelists and Miles provides a commentary after their bids. If your club is running such quizzes at the moment, here is an invaluable source of material.



16. **MOLLO, Victor: THE COMPLEAT BRIDGE PLAYER.** £6.00
London 1986 1st edition. 8vo 162pp Grey cloth dw, sunning to spine
With bookplate of a previous owner, this is printed on poor quality paper which has 'browned' at the edges; otherwise a good, tight, clean copy.

Seven chapters examine Mollo's appreciation of the psychological aspects of Bridge, a feature in many of his books. The eighth chapter provides a short biographical essay on each of seven personalities of his choice.



17. **MOLLO, Victor and Eric Jannersten: THE BEST OF BRIDGE.** £12.00
Subtitled *An Introduction to the Wohlin Collection.*
London 1973 1st edition. 8vo 223pp Green cloth dw

This is a collection of fine hands, presented as quizzes, many of which have a solution with a subtle point. They are based on hands that Jan Wohlin constructed for the IBPA's monthly newsletter.



18. **O'CONNOR, Patrick: A SECOND BOOK OF BRIDGE PROBLEMS.** £5.00
Toronto 2013 1st edition. 8vo 127pp Dec card covers. As new

This sequel of 50 problems is aimed at newcomers to the game, presented roughly in order of difficulty. The problems are slightly more advanced than the first book. The good learning point is that the hands have no continuing theme – so treat as you find them.



19. **OTTLIK, Geza and Hugh Kelsey: ADVENTURES IN CARD PLAY.** £18.00

London 1979 1st edition. 8vo 285pp Black cloth dw

This takes card play to new levels, because of the marvellous deals. Squeezes feature quite heavily. The book was developed from a series which Ottlik ran in *The Bridge World* in the mid-1970s.



20. **POTTAGE, Julian: EASY GUIDE TO DEFENSIVE SIGNALS AT BRIDGE.** £6.00

London 2005 1st edition. 8vo 160pp Dec card covers. As new

The emphasis, as the title indicates, is on using signals to help defend better. The author advocates attitude and count, but the non-standard chapter does cover just using one or the other, with count preferable to attitude.



21. **REESE, Terence: THE MOST PUZZLING SITUATIONS IN BRIDGE PLAY.** £12.00

London 1979 1st UK edition (1st USA 1978). 8vo 160pp Dark green cloth dw

Enjoyable, testing and instructive, this covers some less well known aspects of play, using a quiz format. The problems are arranged by type, with an introductory section for each group.



22. **REESE, Terence: PLAY THESE HANDS WITH ME.** £10.00

London 2001 2nd edition. (1st 1976). 8vo 202pp Dec card covers

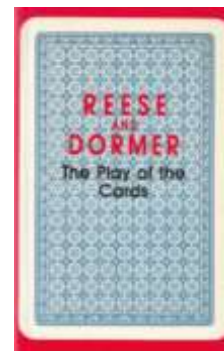
A great collection of 60 declarer play problems using the over-the-shoulder style which Reese was the first to use. For this 2001 edition, the deals were checked using Deep Finesse and only two minor errors were found.



23. **REESE, Terence and Albert Dormer: THE PLAY OF THE CARDS.** £10.00

London 1991 2nd edition, 2nd printing (1st 1967). 8vo 224pp Dec card covers

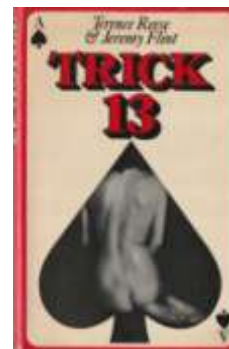
One of the very few Reese books which was first published as a paperback, this is the 2nd paperback version. A book containing invaluable help in addressing many types of play problems which any player might encounter.



24. **REESE, Terence and Jeremy Flint: TRICK 13.** £30.00

London 1979 1st edition. 8vo 172pp Red cloth dw

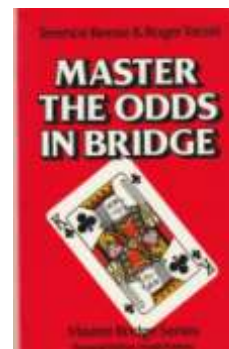
This is a novel set at a World Championships where there is an accusation of cheating.....need one say more? For reasons which I've never been able to fathom, this book commands a high price.



25. **REESE, Terence and Roger Trézel: MASTER THE ODDS IN BRIDGE.** £6.00

London 1979 1st edition. 8vo 79pp Dec card covers

This is one of a series of books adapted by Reese from Trezel's French works. It provides ideas of how to assess the odds in common situations, and the information is sound.



26. **ROCHE, W.L. and C.W. Kearsley: BRIDGE FOR LADIES** £7.00

Worcester ND [1948]. 8vo 94pp Green cloth no dw

Contains a brief introduction to the game with some discussion of the play and bidding based on examples. Sachse remarked that the title had no significance.



27. **ROTH, Danny:** HAND READING IN BRIDGE. £7.00
Subtitled *How to Improve your Card Play*
London 1993 1st edition. 8vo 125pp Black cloth dw

It is suggested that this will not make you an expert at palmistry, but it will help your skill in ‘seeing’ the opponents’ cards. The main theme is ‘vision’.



28. **SENIOR, Brian:** RAISING PARTNER. £5.00
London 1995 1st reprint (1st 1994). 8vo 128pp Dec card covers

This book was very well received and it covers exactly what the title indicates.



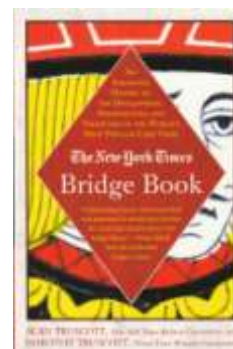
29. **STARK, Andy:** THE WEAK NOTRUMP. £8.00
Subtitled *How to Play it, How to Play Against it*
Toronto 2006 1st edition. 8vo 196pp Dec card covers. As new

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.



30. **TRUSCOTT, Alan and Dorothy:** THE NEW YORK TIMES BRIDGE BOOK. £6.00
Subtitled *An Anecdotal History of the Development, Personalities and Strategies of the World's Most Popular Card Game.*
New York 2002 1st edition. 8vo 263pp Dec card covers

This offers an interesting mix of material from the history of the game. In fact, it has delayed production of this list, as I've been sat reading it. It is quite easy to read – I might just keep it!



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 Sachse.