

Card Game Books

BRIDGE, EPHEMERA, OTHER CARD GAMES AND PLAYING CARDS

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This time a mix of old and new, with a whole range of subjects covered. Some very good 1st editions in dustwrappers, too.

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 am still managing to post out within 2-3 days.

1. **BRIDGE, By The Laws of and a Guide to the Game by “Boaz” and How to Play Bridge “Badsworth”. £40.00**

London 1898 5th edition. 16mo 80pp Olive cloth, gilt dec to front cover, aeg, slight marks to front cover – a beautiful, tight copy

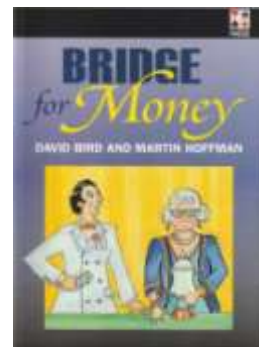
Boaz’s first book covering the Laws was first published in 1895, with subsequent editions in 1896 and 1897. This 5th edition was the first to include a section by ‘Badsworth’ (Allan Lindsay Lister 1842-1917). The identity of ‘Boaz’ remains a mystery.



2. **BIRD, David and Martin Hoffman: BRIDGE FOR MONEY. £6.00**

London 2002 1st edition. 8vo 160pp Dec card covers

This follows the adventures of a fictional Bridge playing professional. It uses hands by Hoffman and Bird’s setting; they are entertaining.



3. **BRECHER, Erwin:** HOCUS POCUS. £5.00
London 2001 1st edition. 8vo 202pp Dec card covers, spine sunned

An unusual book, as there are 96 single dummy problems and a similar number of pure logical puzzles. Brecher co-authored similar books. If this one takes your fancy, others will follow.



4. **BRUNNER, Michelle:** BRIDGE WITH BRUNNER: ACOL BIDDING FOR BUDDING EXPERTS. £8.00
London 2003 1st edition. 8vo 192pp Dec card covers, fading to spine

This is the follow-up book to Michelle's book for Improvers. Here she introduces thirteen conventions which our 'budding expert' might want to add to their armoury. Plenty of examples and quizzes to back up each one.



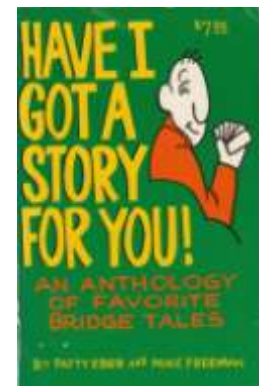
5. **CULBERTSON, Ely:** CONTRACT BRIDGE COMPLETE. THE GOLD BOOK OF BIDDING AND PLAY. £22.00
London 1936 1st edition. 8vo 563 pp Photo frontis Gold cloth dw

Unlike the *Blue Book* which ran to 75 printings between 1930 and 1932 the *Gold Book* ran to a mere handful by comparison. The 10th and final edition was revised by Reese in 1965. As easy to come by book, but much more rare as a 1st edition with dw.



6. **EBER, Patty and Mike Freeman:** HAVE I GOT A STORY FOR YOU! £8.00
Subtitled *An Anthology of Favorite Bridge Tales*
Louisville, Kentucky 1984 1st edition. 8vo 228pp Dec card covers

Little to add to the subtitle, except that there is a humorous cartoon at the beginning of each of the twelve chapters.



7. **FELDHEIM, Harold:** FIVE CARD MAJOR BIDDING IN CONTRACT BRIDGE. **£10.00**

Louisville, Kentucky 1985 1st edition. 8vo 181pp Dec card covers, very slight sunning to the spine

A fair exposition of five card major bidding aimed at intermediate level players. The author goes through the various responses and some of the conventions tied into his appraisal of the system.



8. **FORRESTER, Tony:** VINTAGE FORRESTER: SELECTED WRITINGS FROM THE DAILY TELEGRAPH. **£5.00**

London 1988 1st edition. 8vo 144pp Dec card covers

Fifteen chapters with examples on a theme in each, the material having been culled from the *Telegraph* articles. An enjoyable collection with a practical bent.



9. **FOSTER, R F:** FOSTER'S BRIDGE MAXIMS. **£45.00**

London 1904 1st edition. 16mo 97pp Dark blue cloth, gilt dec to front cover, aeg

An early work which includes advice which we take for granted these days. A lead of 4th highest (which could be found in whist) is clearly advocated and discards receive a mention, albeit briefly.



10. **FRANCIS, Henry and Brian Senior:** BERMUDA BOWL – ALL THE BEST DEALS. **£8.00**

High Wycombe 1999 1st edition. 8vo 252pp Dec card covers

There are thirty three chapters covering the event from 1950 until 1997. Each chapter starts with a resumé of the event and mentions the players involved. This is followed by a selection of hands from each event.



11. HALL, Burt and Lynn Rose-Hall: HOW THE EXPERTS WIN AT BRIDGE. £8.00

Lake Worth, Florida 1997 2nd printing (1st 1996). 4to 264pp Dec card covers

There are good suggestions for both matchpoints andimps. Some of the material, particularly their aggressive approach to pre-empts, may not find favour.



12. HAVAS, George: THE AUSTRALIAN BOOK OF BRIDGE. £10.00

Hong Kong 1979 1st edition. 8vo 128pp Dec card covers

A series of sixty declarer or defender problems encountered by wearers of the 'green baggy'. To warrant inclusion the declarer or defender had to have represented Australia internationally. Incidentally, the hand from the 1977 Bermuda Bowl does not feature in item 10.



13. HERVEY, George F: HEADLIGHTS ON CONTRACT BRIDGE. £15.00

London 1931 1st edition. 12mo 160pp Olive green boards, no dw

A general survey of Contract which Leslie Parris describes thus: "it reads as if the author had not read Culbertson's Blue book or was sedulously intent on ignoring it."



14. JOURDAIN, Patrick: PATRICK JOURDAIN'S PROBLEM CORNER. £8.00

Toronto 2009 1st edition. 8vo 192pp Dec card covers, as new

There are two intermediate level problems on each odd numbered page, with solutions overleaf. All appeared in *Bridge Magazine*. Some of these puzzles will trouble even the well-read.



15. **KANTAR, Edwin B:** TAKE ALL YOUR CHANCES AT BRIDGE. **£10.00**

Toronto 2009 1st edition. 8vo 160pp Dec card covers

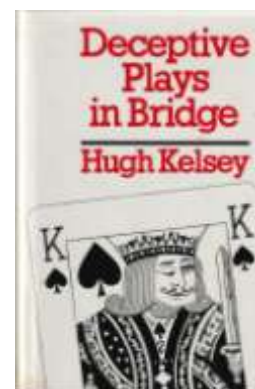
One hundred intermediate level problems where the reader has to find the best line of play. As always, there is Kantar's humour thrown in.



16. **KELSEY, H W:** DECEPTIVE PLAYS IN BRIDGE. **£10.00**

London 1982 1st edition. 8vo 187pp Black cloth dw

Retitled *The Tricky Game* for American readers, Kelsey takes us into the realm of creating illusions and swindles. There are a huge number of examples throughout the 12 chapters taking the reader into the psychological aspects of the game.



17. **KERWIN, Madeleine:** IMPROVE YOUR CARD PLAY AT AUCTION OR CONTRACT BRIDGE. **£15.00**

London 1930 1st edition. 12mo 121pp Grey cloth dw

Contains a summary of the play of the hand by both declarer and defenders. There are many examples but no full deals; general sensible advice on the basics of play.



18. **MARKUS, Rixi:** A VULNERABLE GAME. **£9.00**

London 1988 1st edition. 8vo 153pp Red cloth dw

Autobiography with no hands. Considered to be probably factually accurate, but the Markus supremacy occurs on occasions. The photograph of the first bridge scoring computer (1962) is interesting.



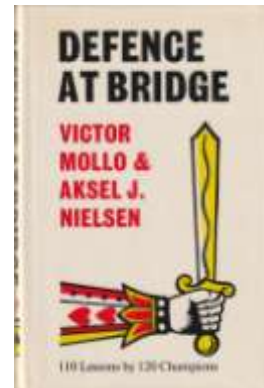
19. **MOLLO, Victor:** BRIDGE IN THE MENAGERIE. **£15.00**
London 1965 1st edition. 8vo 152pp Red cloth dw

The first book about the Hideous Hog and his chums at the Griffins Club. Although the characters are fictitious similar characters can be found in any Bridge Club throughout the world. One of the most delightful bridge books ever written.



20. **MOLLO, Victor and Aksel J. Nielsen:** DEFENCE AT BRIDGE. **£10.00**
London 1976 1st edition. 8vo 256pp Red cloth dw

A collection of defensive hands all taken from tournament play, with an emphasis on the spectacular. There are 110 lessons from 120 champions.



21. **POWELL, Richard:** TICKETS TO THE DEVIL. **£20.00**
New York 1968 1st edition. 8vo 306pp Beige cloth dw

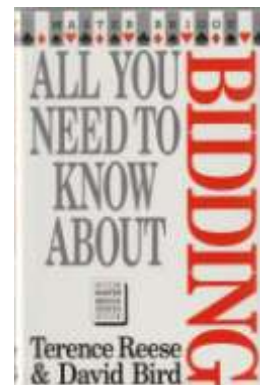
Set at the American Spring National in Miami, this is a well written novel by a professional writer, with sufficient interaction between the various players to make it a pleasant read. Wholly about Bridge, but no hands.

This 1st USA edition is virtually impossible to find in the UK.



22. **REESE, Terence and David Bird:** ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT BIDDING. **£8.00**
London 1992 1st edition. 8vo 128pp Grey cloth dw

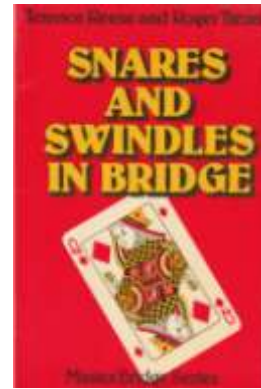
General tips for Acol players presented in an entertaining way. The second part of the book discusses popular conventions. Aimed at those who are not yet quite experts – most of us!



23. **REESE, Terence and Roger Trézel:** SNARES AND SWINDLES IN BRIDGE. **£6.00**

London 1977 1st paperback edition. 8vo 64pp Dec card covers

One of a series which Reese adapted from Trézel's French works, this is along similar lines to the Kelsey book, above.



24. **SCHENKEN, Howard:** THE EDUCATION OF A BRIDGE PLAYER. **£10.00**

New York 1973 1st edition. 8vo 286pp Blue cloth dw

This is Schenken's autobiography, a pleasing account of his life in Bridge. It was published in the UK in 1976, this being the 1st American edition.

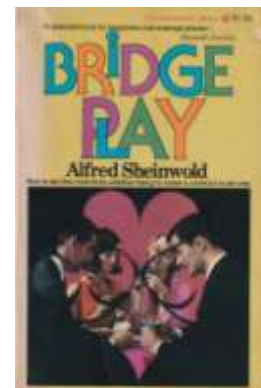
PLEASE NOTE: the copy offered has a better dw to that illustrated.



25. **SHEINWOLD, Alfred:** BRIDGE PLAY. **£5.00**

New York 1974 1st reprint (1st 1953). 8vo 159pp Dec card covers, spine sunned

By 1978 this book had gone through 20 printings without the text ever being altered. In that sense it was a well received book aimed at beginners and average players (+ Willie as someone has added to the cover). It is concerned, almost wholly, with card play.



26. **STERN, Milton S:** EXPERT BRIDGE. **£10.00**

Subtitled *From Novice to Superstar in 90 Days...Perhaps?*

Inglewood, California 1978 1st edition. 8vo 136pp Dec card covers

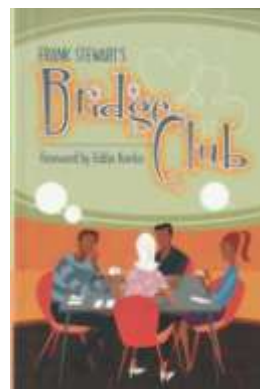
Fifteen chapters, each from an expert, covering an instructive collection by various experts. Only one is by Stern; others are by Mike Lawrence, Victor Mollo, Marty Bergen and Dorothy Hayden Truscott to name but four.



27. **STEWART, Frank:** FRANK STEWARTS' BRIDGE CLUB. **£7.00**

Toronto 2003 1st edition. 8vo 192pp Dec card covers. As new

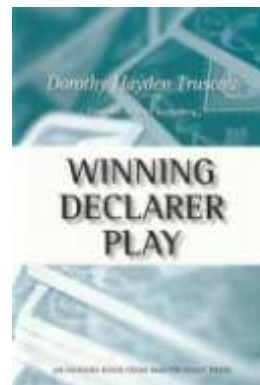
An entertaining collection of intermediate declarer and defensive quizzes which uses characters from the author's fictional Bridge Club.



28. **TRUSCOTT, Dorothy Hayden:** WINNING DECLARER PLAY. **£8.00**

Revised edition, updated by Gail Greenberg
Toronto 2013 1st thus (1st 1978). 8vo 269pp Dec card covers. As new

Covers the basics well, but perhaps not as well as the author's *Bid Better, Play Better*. This updated version leaves the card play as it was originally written but tidies up a few things which have changed over time.



29. **VANDERBILT Harold S:** CONTRACT BY HAND ANALYSIS. **£50.00**

New York 1933 1st edition. 12mo 165pp Light green cloth, gilt to cover and spine no dw

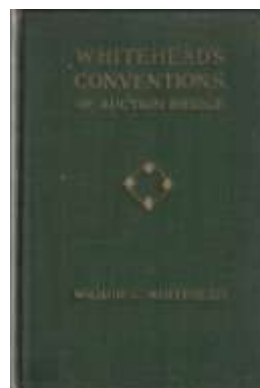
An historically important book, given the author's role in developing Contract. The author's method of hand evaluation was one that he used with quite some success.



30. **WHITEHEAD, Wilbur C:** WHITEHEAD'S CONVENTIONS OF AUCTION BRIDGE. **£30.00**

New York 1914 1st edition. 12mo 129pp Green cloth with gilt dec

A major advance in the literature of the game and the use of two colour printing makes it an attractive book. The book took advantage of the bidding where value scoring won the contract. It mentions also the two values for spades, a feature which ceased in 1915 when the higher value was accepted.



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.

