

Card Game Books

BRIDGE, EPHEMERA, OTHER CARD GAMES AND PLAYING CARDS

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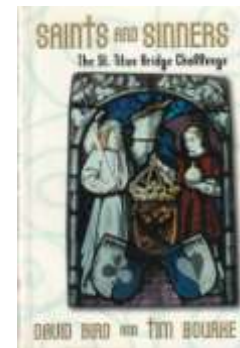
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The usual mix of old and new, with things in between; all modestly priced. Half of this list is made up of titles for which I only have one copy in stock.

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. **Items marked with an * are post free.** I am happy to post worldwide, but overseas postage will be charged at cost.

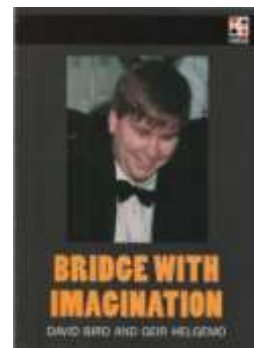
1. **BIRD, David and Tim Bourke: SAINTS AND SINNERS. £9.00**
Subtitled *The St Titus Bridge Challenge*
Toronto 2000 1st edition. 8vo 190pp Dec card covers

One of the Monastery series, but in this one the reader is given a quiz in the text, on the problem the monk is about to face.



2. **BIRD, David and Geir Helgamo: BRIDGE WITH IMAGINATION. £5.00**
London 2000 1st edition. 8vo 160pp Dec card covers. As new

OK, so since this was written he's had more downs than ups, but this book comes highly recommended. It explores the themes of many of the stunning hands played or defended by Helgamo. David Bird has added complementary hands.



3. **DOE, John:** THE BRIDGE MANUAL ILLUSTRATED.

£30.00

London 1902 4th 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 book on the game.

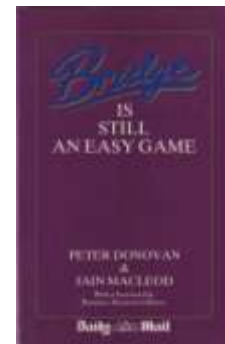


4. **DONOVAN, Peter and Iain Macleod:** BRIDGE IS STILL AN EASY GAME.

£10.00

Southampton 1988 1st edition. 8vo 246pp Black cloth dw

Peter Donovan – long-standing columnist of the *Daily Mail* – produced this update of the original text of *Bridge is an Easy Game*. Whether it has been successful will be a matter of personal choice.



5. **ENGLAND, Frank:** BIDDING STANDARDS AT CONTRACT.

£18.00

London 1930 1st edition 2nd printing. 12mo 99pp + 49pp Laws Maroon cloth no dw

Not dissimilar to Blue Book bidding, the author deplores conventions. [

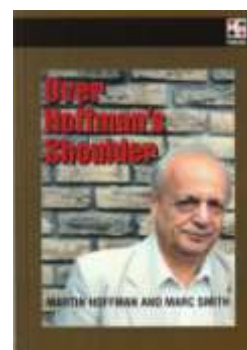


6. **HOFFMAN, Martin and Marc Smith:** OVER HOFFMAN'S SHOULDER.

£5.00

London 2001 1st edition. 8vo 159pp Dec card covers. As new

There are 48 hands covering a fine range of situations, engagingly presented as though they occurred in a variety of locales in a year in the Bridge life of Martin Hoffman.



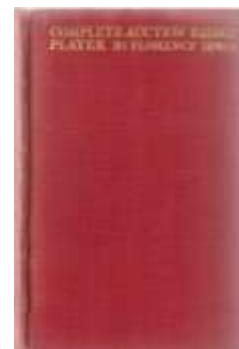
7. **HUGHES, Roy:** CANADA'S BRIDGE WARRIORS: ERIC MURRAY AND SAMI KEHELA. **£13.00**
Toronto 2007 1st edition. 8vo 336pp Dec card covers

This is an exceptionally entertaining Bridge biography of Canada's greatest pair, focusing mainly on their heyday between 1960 and 1974.



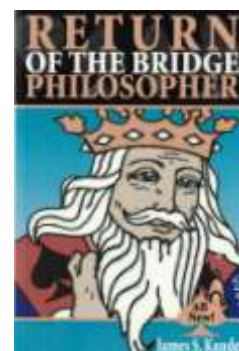
8. **IRWIN, Florence:** THE COMPLETE AUCTION BRIDGE PLAYER. **£8.00**
London 1928 2nd edition reprint (1st USA 1916 1st UK 1922). 8vo 436pp
Red cloth no dw, slight sunning to spine and small nick to the top

This book ran to numerous printings between 1916 and 1929, it updated the author's thoughts on Auction bidding. There's a pithy story in the Foreword which concludes "...life *must* have its recreations...". As true today, as then.



9. **KAUDER, James S:** RETURN OF THE BRIDGE PHILOSOPHER. **£10.00**
Poughkeepsie, New York 2006 1st edition. 8vo 232pp Dec card covers
As new

The book has sixty-one deals presented in the over-the-shoulder style. This was published as *Creative Card Play* in 1989 which followed the first title in 1972 – *The Bridge Philosopher*.



10. **KING, Philip and Robert:** King THE KINGS' TALES. **£8.00**
London 1994 1st edition. 8vo 142pp Dec card covers

A series of articles on Bridge presented as if written by authors of popular fiction and literature. Each pastiche is beautifully done and quite funny. Like a box of chocolates, do not attempt to finish in one sitting.



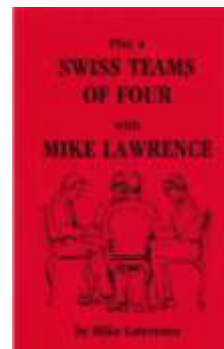
11. **KLINGER, Ron:** PLAY WITH THE CHAMPIONS. **£6.00**
London 2003 1st edition. 8vo 176pp Dec card covers. As new

An interesting and mildly challenging collection of thirty-six *Bridge movies*, all taken from championship play.



12. **LAWRENCE, Mike:** PLAY A SWISS TEAMS OF FOUR WITH MIKE LAWRENCE. **£6.00***
Louisville, Kentucky 1998 8th printing (1st 1982). 8vo 99pp Dec card covers. As new

An enjoyable and instructive book presenting a series of interesting problems in an over-the-shoulder style set in a fictional one-day Swiss tournament.



13. **MARKUS, Rixi:** BRIDGE AROUND THE WORLD. **£8.00**
London 1979 1st edition. 8vo 238pp Green cloth dw

There's a different location for each month. This is a book to read for enjoyment and, as such, it's worthy. The featured hands are spectacular or amusing, rather than instructional.



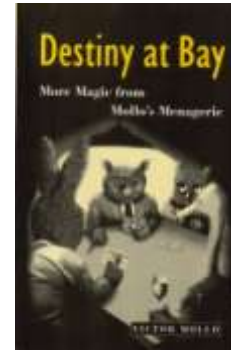
14. **MILES, Marshall:** MORE ACCURATE BIDDING. **£5.00***
Toronto 2011 1st edition. 8vo 89pp Dec card covers. As new

This is labeled 'Advanced' and covers a range of perhaps controversial topics, with the author's often original point of view. At the end there are 30 quizzes, with well-explained answers.



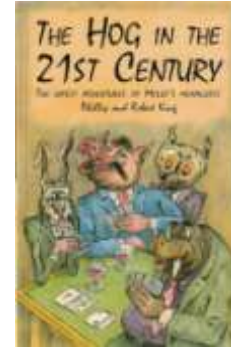
15. **MOLLO, Victor: DESTINY AT BAY.** £7.00
London 1998 Batsford edition (1st 1987). 8vo 207pp Dec card covers

This is the fifth of the Griffin Club books, all of which are entertaining.
If 1st editions are what you seek, please get in touch.



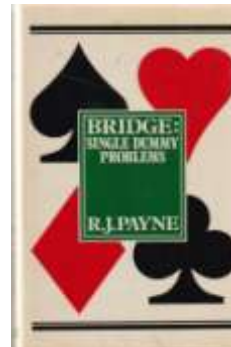
16. **MOLLO, Victor. Phillip and Robert King: THE HOG IN THE 21ST CENTURY.** £10.00
London 1999 1st edition. 8vo 144pp Dec card covers, minor marks to last few pages

A pastiche of the famous Menagerie characters, using some of his previously unpublished columns – at least in book form. As enjoyable as the originals.



17. **PAYNE, R J (Dick): BRIDGE: SINGLE DUMMY PROBLEMS.** £6.00
London 1984 1st edition. 8vo 197pp Black cloth dw

A reasonable, but not too difficult selection of problems.



18. **REESE, Terence and David Bird: CARDINAL SINS.** £9.00
London 1991 1st edition. 8vo 156pp Black cloth dw, some sunning to front cover and spine (as shown)

This maintains the standard of the series, with more entertaining adventures of the card-playing monks of St Titus.



19. **REESE, Terence and Eddie Kantar: DEFEND WITH YOUR LIFE.** £10.00

Poughkeepsie, New York 2003 2nd edition. 8vo 150pp Dec card covers. As new

A fine collection of defensive quizzes, originally presented by Reese. For this edition Kantar fixed a few gremlins and changed some of the phrasing. He added some of his trade mark humour.



20. **REXFORD, Ken: OVERCALLING OPPONENT'S INT.** £7.00*
Toronto 2012 1st edition. 8vo 96pp Dec card covers. As new

The beauty of this for UK readers is that it covers bidding over a weak NT. The author tries to clarify weaker or stronger two-suiters, as well as pinpointing the 5 card suit in a 5-4 overcall.



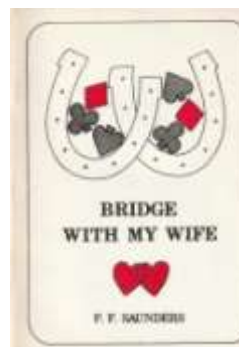
21. **RIGAL, Barry: DECEPTIVE DECLARER PLAY.** £7.00
London 1996 1st edition. 8vo 144pp Dec card covers. As new

A good introduction to basic deceptive techniques by declarer. It is organized by trick one or later themes. It's easy reading.



22. **SAUNDERS, P F: BRIDGE WITH MY WIFE.** £7.00
Nottingham 1987 1st edition. 8vo 143pp Dec card covers

Fifty articles set in a rubber game between couples. The hands and analysis are sound. The dialogue between the characters may amuse or grate.



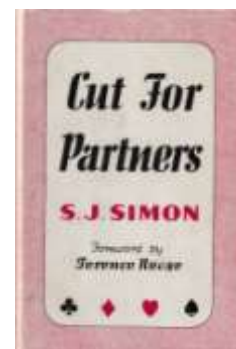
23. **SILVER, David:** TALES OUT OF SCHOOL. £9.00
Toronto 1995 1st edition. 8vo 121pp Dec card covers

The first of two books featuring the author's alter ego "Professor Silver". The humour shines as the book progresses.



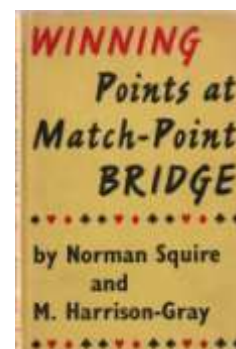
24. **SIMON, S J:** CUT FOR PARTNERS. £15.00
London 1950 1st edition. 12mo 128pp Dark red cloth dw
Inside is a loose cutting of a hand which the author mentions "would greatly have commended itself to S. J. Simon"

The book features three more rubbers with the characters introduced in *Why You Lose at Bridge*. The Bridge is very good, and Simon's writing style makes it enjoyable.



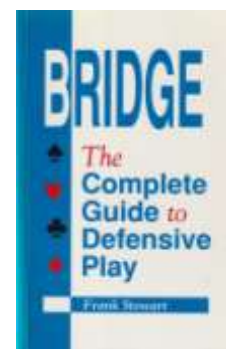
25. **SQUIRE, Norman and M Harrison-Gray:** WINNING POINTS AT MATCH-POINT BRIDGE. £8.00
London 1959 1st edition. 8vo 151pp Brown cloth dw

A collection of Gray's articles and thoughts organized and expanded by Norman Squire. There are a number of excellent chapters.



26. **STEWART, Frank and Derek Rimington:** THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO DEFENSIVE PLAY. £8.00
London 1994 1st UK paperback edition 1st published in the USA (1988) under the title *The Bridge Player's Comprehensive Guide to Defense*. 8vo 234pp Dec card covers

A readable book with instructional text and quizzes. Aimed at intermediate players who want to improve their defence. This is the Anglicized version.



27. **WALSHE, G G J:** SLAMS MADE SIMPLE. **£12.00***

Subtitled *How to use Cue bids*

London 1938 1st edition. 16mo 67pp Light brown cloth no dw, some marks to front cover

A nice book on cue bidding rather than ‘Blast with Blackwood’.



28. **WEBSTER, H T:** WEBSTER’S BRIDGE. **£30.00**

Subtitled *Thirty Six Cartoons by H T Webster With some Unsolicited Advice on How Not to Play Bridge by William Johnston.*

New York 1924 1st edition. 12mo 112pp Dec boards with cartoon illustration. Missing the head of the spine; bottom portion neatly repaired. With the bookplate of John Clay.

A show piece for Webster’s Bridge related cartoons, as well as some amusing material on how not to play Bridge.



29. **WHITEHEAD, Wilbur C:** AUCTION BRIDGE –
AUTHORITATIVE LEADS AND CONVENTIONS OF PLAY.

£35.00*

New York 1923 1st edition. 16mo 38pp Dark green cloth; the gilt dec to front and spine has worn

One of the seminal books on leads and signals, it detailed what became known as the Standard approach.



30. **WORK, Milton C:** CONTRACT BRIDGE FOR ALL. **£20.00**

Philadelphia 1929 1st edition. 12mo 243pp Orange cloth with attractive dw

This is a refinement of the material on bidding in *Contract Bridge* with Work’s Straightaway system (see *The Gist of Contract Bridge*) becoming better defined.



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.