

# Card Game Books

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

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### ELIST No. 20

A mixed bag with several newly printed books (marked NEW) – and a very seasonal cover to item 1!

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. **ADAMSON, Alex and Harry Smith: DOUBLE, DOUBLE, TOIL AND TROUBLE.** **£15.00**

Toronto 2020 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 8vo 248pp Dec card covers NEW  
Illustrated by Bill Buttle.

The authors are Scots, whose articles have been published in *Bridge Magazine* and *A New Bridge Magazine*. This is the third – and last - collection of articles to be published in book form. The hands and stories come from the Over the Rainbow BC in the Land of Oz.



2. **BERGHOLT, Ernest: ROYAL AUCTION BRIDGE – LAWS & PRINCIPLES, ART AND PRACTICE.** **£12.00**

London 1918 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. 12mo Light brown cloth

Bergholt's two books – *The Laws and Principles* and *The Art and Practice* are bound together in the 1918 edition, the first part having 156pp including appendices and the second 219pp.



3. **BIRD, David:** ARROW THROUGH THE HEART. **£10.00**

Toronto 2016 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 8vo 200pp Dec card covers NEW  
Illustrated by Marguerite Lihou

This is the third collection of Robin Hood bridge stories. Unlike the previous two books, which were published in Mr Bridge's magazine, these do not appear to have been in print before. The usual high quality hands from Tim Bourke; the illustrations are by the same hand as those in *Bridge*.

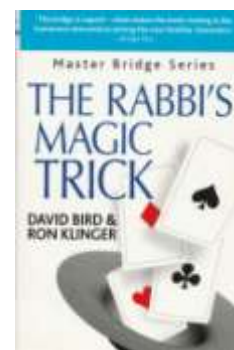


4. **BIRD, David and Ron Klinger:** THE RABBI'S MAGIC TRICK.

**£7.00**

London 2014 new edition (1<sup>st</sup> 1997). 8vo 128pp Dec card covers As new

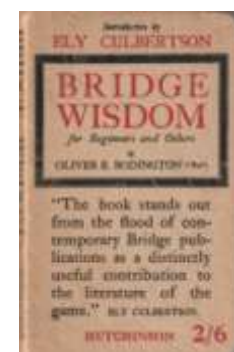
This is the final book of the series and the hands are superb. The humour is spot on, making it the best of the series.



5. **BODINGTON, Oliver E:** BRIDGE WISDOM - FOR BEGINNERS AND OTHERS. **£15.00**

London ND [1933] 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 16mo 108pp Dark cream stiff boards

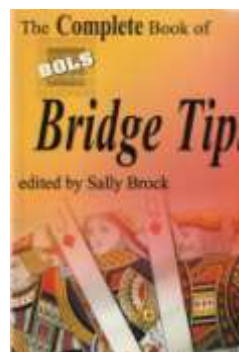
This is an item for collectors, as two reviewers in bibliographies have struggled to say anything constructive about the content. Even Leslie Parris, who usually found a kind word about almost every book in his *Contract Bridge Books*, could find nothing to commend it.



6. **BROCK, Sally (editor):** THE COMPLETE BOOK OF BOLLS BRIDGE TIPS. **£12.00**

London 1997 1<sup>st</sup> edition. Large 8vo 168pp Dec card covers

The tips are from many world class players through the IBPA and there is much marvellous material contained within.



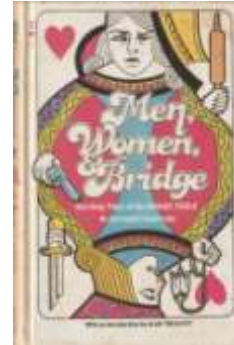
7. **CAPRERA, David:** SLEEPING ON THE COUCH. **£12.00**  
Toronto 2019 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 8vo 203pp NEW

This, as the title indicates, is a humorous set of articles originally produced in an ACBL Western Conference publication. The author plays with his wife and the title comes from a mate of his who said “I don’t bid like that because if I do, I will end up sleeping on the couch.”



8. **CRAWFORD, Richard:** MEN, WOMEN & BRIDGE. **£4.00**  
New York 1978 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 8vo 191pp Dec boards

This is a well written collection of hands featuring both real and fictional characters.



9. **DALE, Liz:** BRIDGE: IMPROVING DUPLICATE CLUB SCORES FOR NOVICES. **£4.00\***

Subtitled *Book One – Non-Vulnerable Boards*

Charleston, South Carolina 2015 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 8vo 55pp Dec card covers.

As new

This is certainly a book for beginners who ought to gain a better understanding of duplicate scoring. As such it’s a good book for teachers of the game to obtain and point their students in its direction. I shall certainly be doing so for mine.



10. **DANIELS, David:** THE GOLDEN AGE OF CONTRACT BRIDGE. **£10.00**

New York 1982 (1<sup>st</sup> 1980). 8vo 212pp Dec card covers

This is a splendid history of our game which is both scholarly and readable. It comes highly recommended.



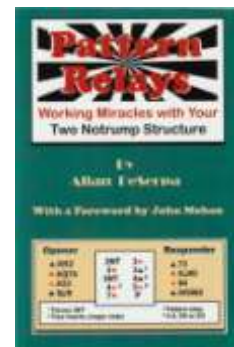
11. **DAWSON, Dennis:** SANTA FE PRECISION. **£15.00**  
Toronto 2019 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 8vo 215pp Dec card covers NEW

As the title suggests, this is a Precision variant. The author, both player and teacher, has taken the Meckstroth and Rodwell version and made it easier to learn and remember. It is aimed at intermediate/advanced players.



12. **DESERPA, Allan:** PATTERN RELAYS – WORKING MIRACLES WITH YOUR TWO NOTRUMP STRUCTURE. **£12.00**  
Tempe, Arizona 2018 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 8vo 230pp Dec card covers. As new

The emphasis of the book seems to be the ability to show a two-suited hand after partner has opened 2NT (point range being immaterial as adjustments can be made). The methods described are aimed to finding the right slam at the right level, with game bids looking after themselves.



13. **FOSTER, R F:** FOSTER ON AUCTION. **£25.00**  
Subtitled *A Complete Exposition of the Latest Developments of Modern Auction*  
London 1919 1<sup>st</sup> UK edition (1<sup>st</sup> 1918). 8vo 360pp Brown cloth

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) and these are the salvation of the book.



14. **HALE, Gloria and Nancy Starr:** BRIDGE. **£22.00**  
New York 1998 1<sup>st</sup> paperback edition. 8vo 647pp Dec card covers

This is a compilation of 12 Batsford books, comprising 8 of the *Step-by-Step* books, plus *Conventional Bidding Explained* and *Cards at Play* by Freddie North, *Raising Partner* by Brian Senior, and *Planning the Defence* by Raymond Brock. This comes with a health warning! The print size is very small. However, as a compendium volume, it's excellent value, particularly at only £2.00 postage.



15. **“HELLESPONT”**: THE LAWS AND PRINCIPLES OF BRIDGE. **£25.00**

London 1904 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (1<sup>st</sup> 1901). 16mo 386pp Green dec cloth boards, gilt dec to front cover and spine; aeg, a little loose  
The author’s full name is Claude Ernest Hale Cyril Brydges BEAMAN.

In the early editions the author surveys the main methods or systems of playing Bridge before recommending a style. In many ways it is the best book on Bridge-Whist. There are a few pencil notes, mainly at the top of pages, more as an aide memoire about page content, which do not in any way detract from its condition.



16. **HUNSBERGER, Cathy**: SECRETS YOUR BRIDGE FRIENDS NEVER TELL YOU. **£8.00**

Toronto 2010 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 8vo 160pp Dec card covers NEW  
Illustrated by Bill Buttle

Aimed at the newcomer/intermediate player, and for them it will be worth the read. How do you choose a partner? How often do you review your bidding system? Good, practical stuff.



17. **JASSEM, Krzysztof**: POLISH CLUB INTERNATIONAL. **£10.00**

Baltycka 2014 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 8vo 188pp Dec card covers. As new. English translation

The small print on the cover says” This book is intended for two groups of readers: Those interested in Polish Club and those who want to get better understanding of trendy bidding treatments.” Not, I feel, for the faint hearted!



18. **KAPLAN, Edgar**: WINNING CONTRACT BRIDGE. **£5.00**

New York 1983 1<sup>st</sup> paperback edition (1<sup>st</sup> 1964). 8vo 436pp Dec card covers, protective cover  
Originally published as *Winning Contract Bridge Complete*.

Starts with absolute basics, so wonderful for beginners. However, it is also good on hand evaluation and the second half on card play is excellent, regardless of your perceived level of ability.



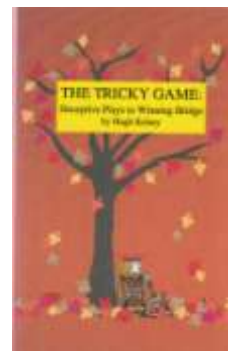


19. **KELSEY H W: THE TRICKY GAME.** £6.00

Louisville, Kentucky 1982 1<sup>st</sup> edition thus. 8vo 197pp Dec card covers, spine sunned

Previously published in the UK as *Deceptive Plays in Bridge*

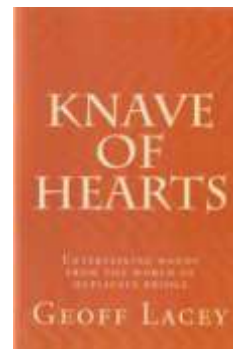
This is the US version of the above, which tackles a difficult subject. Deception is a con trick and a conman who stammers will not succeed, so Kelsey tells us. Thus, the con must be instantaneous.



20. **LACEY, Geoff: KNAVE OF HEARTS.** £10.00

Charleston, South Carolina 2011 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 8vo Dec card covers As new

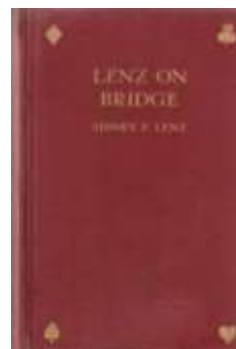
The aim of the book is to entertain and contains forty hands which the author has encountered. The title comes from the first deal in which JH plays a starring role.



21. **LENZ: Sidney: LENZ ON BRIDGE.** £12.00

London 1927 1<sup>st</sup> UK edition (1<sup>st</sup> USA 1926). 8vo 379pp Dark red cloth no dw; gold dec to front cover. Minor pencil notes in margins,

A well written, popular and entertaining collection of columns on Auction Bridge with the emphasis more on card play than bidding. The Laws of Contract Bridge were produced by the Knickerbocker Club of New York between the production of the US and UK editions, so appear in this edition.



22. **MARKUS, Rixi: BRIDGE TABLE TALES.** £6.00\*

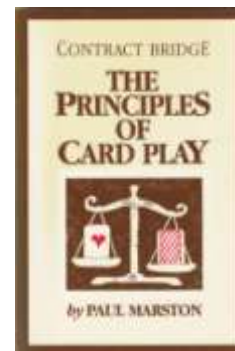
London 1980 1<sup>st</sup> edition. Narrow 8vo 96pp Dec boards no dw

For some reason Rixi's books are not always highly regarded by critics. This is another book which provides deals from expert players around the world – including her. The 47 deals are interesting, rather than educational.



23. **MARSTON, Paul:** THE PRINCIPLES OF CARD PLAY.   **£5.00**  
Double Bay, Australia 1996 1<sup>st</sup> edition 4<sup>th</sup> reprint (1<sup>st</sup> 1986). 8vo 263pp  
Paperback

A good introductory text which covers the subject well at an intermediate level. In addition to the hands, there are exercises which pose questions and useful tips throughout.



24. **MONTGOMERY, Grace G:** MODERN AUCTION IN TEN LESSONS.   **£10.00**  
New York 1919 2<sup>nd</sup> edition 3<sup>rd</sup> printing (1<sup>st</sup> thus 1915). 16mo 205 pp  
Dark green cloth no dw, missing fep, otherwise VG

This has its origins in a 1912 book *Auction Bridge in Ten Lessons* which received its new title in 1915 and went through various iterations up to 1921. The content is aimed at taking an enterprising beginner through the rudiments.



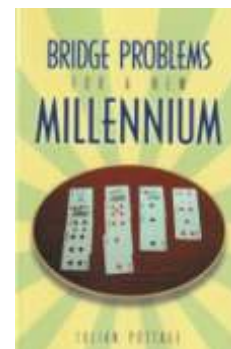
25. **POE, Lyle:** TRANSFER RESPONSES TO ONE CLUB WITH RELAYS.   **£12.00**  
Toronto 2019 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 8vo 159pp Dec card covers NEW

This is a style of bidding which is becoming increasingly popular and the author provides a detailed exposé of how he plays this



26. **POTTAGE, Julian:** BRIDGE PROBLEMS FOR A NEW MILLENNIUM.   **£10.00**  
Toronto 2001 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 8vo 160pp Dec card covers NEW

The author's books of quizzes are always worth reading. Here, he acknowledges, they may be slightly easier, but that's only comparative. It is another good selection which will keep the reader occupied for some time. The back of the book contains a summary of the bidding system and carding methods to help you.



27. **ROLFE, Kathy:** WANNA PLAY BRIDGE THE 2/1 WAY? **£12.00**

Toronto 2017 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 8vo 193pp Dec card covers NEW

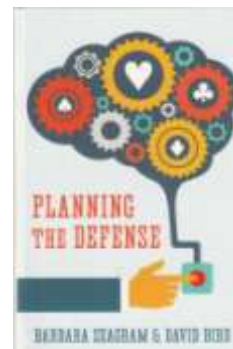
A strange book in some ways as the author suggests it can be used by complete beginners (from the age of 6!) using 2/1 from the start. However, if you're a regular player you can start at Chapter 11. As she says – use the book the way that suits you best. Can't see my 6 year old grandson getting to grips with Bridge through this!



28. **SEAGRAM, Barbara and David Bird:** PLANNING THE DEFENSE. **£12.00**

Toronto 2019 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 8vo 173pp Dec card covers NEW

Another book aimed at newcomer/intermediate level, but one, I suspect, that we would all learn something from, given the status of the authors.



29. **SENIOR, Brian:** IT'S YOUR CALL. **£6.00**

Subtitled *Bidding Problems Answered by International Panel*

London 2000 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 8vo 122pp Dec card covers

This presents an interesting collection of Acol based problems and answers from the bidding panel of the now defunct *International Popular Bridge Monthly* magazine.



30. **WEI, C. C. and Ronald Andersen:** BIDDING PRECISELY VOLUME 2 – MAKING THE MOST OF LIMITED OPENINGS. **£20.00**

New York 1976 1<sup>st</sup> edition. 8vo 159pp Dec card covers, laminated

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As the title indicates, this volume about the Precision system focuses on the openings of 1D, 1H and 1S which are limited. It is very thorough in its dealings with responses and the continuations.



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.