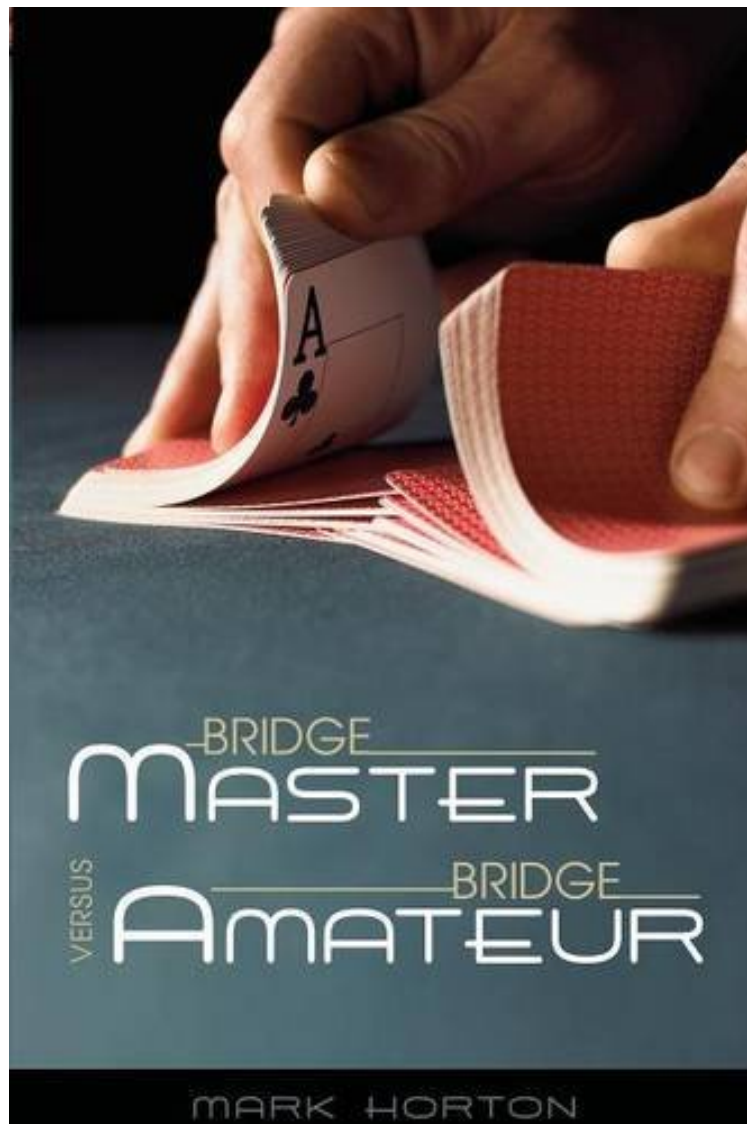


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8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Churned out By Andrew There is nothing compelling about this book. Some of the hands are interesting, the others are routine. The hands aren't bad but that's not enough of a reason to buy this book. There are easily 100 better books on play of the hand than this. Plus the format is poor - all problems have all hands exposed making it difficult to attempt the problems before reading the solution. Instead try: Play Safe and Win - Jannersten Find the Mistakes - Jannersten Spot Light on Card Play - Darvas Many books by Terence Reese Many books

by Frank Stewart This book is bound to disappoint all readers. There is a little for each level, but not enough to justify the purchase. I think this book was just churned out, rather than well conceived. What I would have much preferred was something along the lines of: - the bidding - 2 hands exposed - you try and play it out then read the solution. This is a common format in most modern bridge books. This is just a lazy throw back to the 1960's format. 8 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Who is this book for? 3.5 stars By B. Einhorn The bidding advice is aimed at beginners or very low Intermediates. There is one hand where responder holds 4 spades (with an honor) and 3 hearts (with an honor) and around 8 high card points. Opener bids 1 heart and you are asked what to respond. Maybe inexperienced players would respond 1 spade, but experienced ones (not the same as good players) would respond 2 hearts. The book tells you to support partner. This is 100% correct but is also rather elementary. That's fine for a book for less experienced players. But it's a waste of paper for more experienced players. There is a section on cue bidding. That's great for someone who doesn't know anything about cue bidding. Maybe you think this book is for less experienced players? Then try looking at the hands! There are a lot of good hands, aimed at Intermediate level players, not low Intermediate ones. They show how hands are misplayed. There are also a number of Squeeze hands. That's fine, but don't expect those who got anything out of the bidding section to know what to do with these. Some of the hands involve thinking about what can go wrong, such as a 4-1 trump break. Then there is one hand that shows how to try for an extra chance with a 0.15% (not 15%) chance of success. While that's fine when it comes up (approximately once in 5 - 20 years) I wouldn't waste time with it. It involves playing for a miracle lie of the cards. The hands are on a variety of topics (they are all over the place), and this is not really conducive to learning. There were a couple of hands I did not agree with either. Also, 90% of the hands had all 4 sides exposed. This ruins it, and forces you to cover up the defender's hands, which are not always EW, it varies. It's NOT a bad book. I liked the hands. I thought the bidding section a waste of paper. The fact that all 4 hands are exposed was pretty annoying. While there is "something for everyone" I would much rather read a book that is more focused. Maybe I should rate it a 4. But I was disappointed with it and am returning it.

Why aren't you an expert bridge player? What makes a bridge expert, and why does he or she always come out on top compared to the average club player? No, it's not the ability to execute esoteric squeezes and endplays - they simply don't come up enough to account for the way the experts consistently win against weaker opposition. It's much more basic than that. This book contains a collection of deals that illustrate the difference between the expert player and the would-be expert. These illustrate the kinds of decisions that will come up in every club game, situations in bidding, play and defense where the amateur will often go wrong, but the expert never will. A study of the concepts in this book will take the reader a long way from amateur status towards actually becoming an expert player.