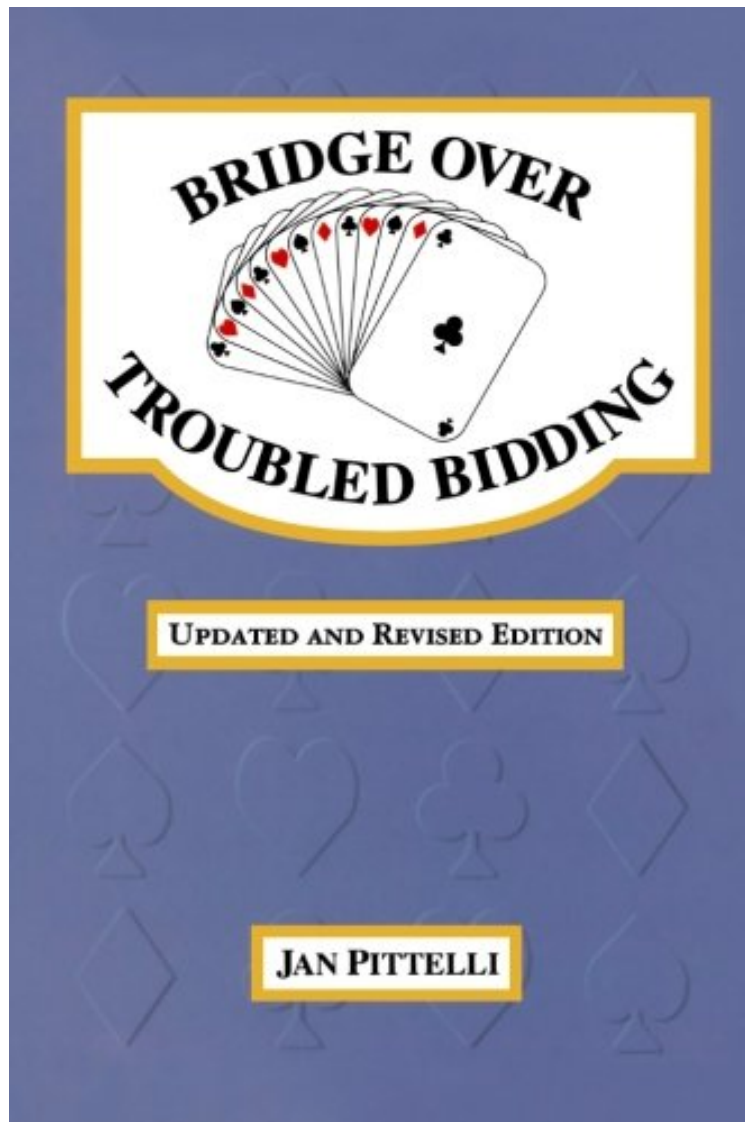


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and absolutely clear explanations, plus a lot of reassurance and sensible advice, this book is perfect for those just starting out or who have been away from the game for a number of years. Yes, bridge has changed, but if you are just coming back to it, this book will give you a solid refresher course before you move on into the dozens of available conventions. As the author says, you will be on firm ground in any game with these basics. She even gives you permission to just say no if you are asked whether you play the "double reverse transfer wackydoodle" convention (okay, not exactly in those terms, but you get my drift). If you are an intermediate or advanced player, this book is not for you as you will likely read it and sigh an exasperated sigh at its deliberate style and lack of nuance. But if you have a friend or spouse who is just beginning to play and has asked for your help, your relationship may be saved through this wonderful book. Enjoy!

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Usable, Doable, Enjoyable
By Mary Sklar
I have played bridge since I was a junior in high school at which time my mother insisted that I take bridge lessons. Although I rather enjoyed the game, the act of bidding was stressful to me. Substituting in a bridge group was always a tense experience. Invariably someone would ask, "Do you bid a (some term I never had even heard of)?" or after the bidding someone would ask, "WHY did you bid THAT". In short, before I read this book, bidding was no fun. I, like others I know, would sometimes pass early to avoid getting the bid. Now, after *Bridge Over Troubled Bidding*, I enjoy the entire game. I may not always win, and I may not always make my bid, but at least I'm approaching the game with knowledge and understanding which previously had escaped me. I'm personally glad that Pittelli was able to find a new and effective way to explain the act of bidding. I hope many readers will now be better able to enjoy the game and to even teach their own kids in such a delightful manner.

This is a newly updated and revised edition of "Bridge Over Troubled Bidding" which was published in 2000. The American Contract Bridge League has made some important changes to basic bridge bidding. Because a solid foundation in basic bidding is the bridge player's most important asset, it is necessary to keep up with the times. Although written with the novice player in mind, experienced players wishing to update their bidding skills to the "new bridge" will find it very beneficial. It is a step by step self teaching tool that is very easy to understand as it is written in plain English. The first edition covered only basic bidding but two conventions have now been added. These conventions are used in Notrump bidding and are the Stayman Convention and Jacoby Transfers.

From the Author
After playing bridge for more years than I like to admit, I became a certified bridge teacher. Teaching is a real eye opening experience. I was amazed at the time and energy players (both new and experienced) spend worrying about the unimportant. In the meantime, they often view what is really important as trivial. The remedy for this did not seem too complicated and that is how this instructional kit was born. The book teaches the players what is important and what is not. In fact, it eliminates one of the biggest stumbling blocks to good bidding. The workbook allows partners to practice bidding with that stumbling block removed and it is fun and easy to use. Players have a better idea of what they should be trying to accomplish in the bidding auction. The audio cassette is used for reinforcement. I included it because I can remember leaving many bridge classes and thinking, "What did he say?"

About the Author
Jan Pittelli grew up in a large card playing family in southern Indiana and has been playing bridge for fun and competitively for over 45 years. She is a certified ACBL teacher and has taught bridge for over 20 years. At the present time, she devotes most of her bridge efforts to teaching. She has long recognized that a solid foundation in basic bidding is the bridge player's most important asset because there is so much to be absorbed. Her goal with this book was to make basic bidding more understandable. Her favorite things to do are usually connected to bridge but she also enjoys golf, knitting, reading, traveling and spending time with her husband and family.

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Have you ever bought a book on Bridge and after making a couple of attempts to read it left it on the bookshelf to collect dust? Perhaps you started bridge classes, but couldn't get a good feel for the basics. Chances are you dropped out feeling very discouraged. Many people become so discouraged during the initial learning period that they lose interest, and often times even those who remain struggle for a long time. Although bridge could never be described as easy, it certainly isn't as difficult as its reputation leads us to believe. This reputation has been acquired because, too often, bridge is approached as if today's new player will be playing in tomorrow's World Championships. Players taking their first class or opening their first bridge book are barraged with a multitude of bidding procedures and playing techniques. Is it possible to approach kBridge without suffering all this discouragement and frustration? Yes. It can be done by building a solid foundation before tackling more complicated and advanced techniques. Helping you build that strong foundation is what this instructional program is all about. It is designed for the novice player, but any player interested in updating and upgrading his or her bidding skills will find it beneficial. After you have established a solid foundation, you'll then be ready to seek a greater knowledge of the game. Inch by inch, there is more to understand and appreciate. Bridge may be difficult, but it is never boring, and as your knowledge grows, so will your enjoyment of the game. With time, effort and patience, you can have a lifetime of fun, good fellowship and intellectual stimulation.