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Danny Roth : Challenge Your Declarer Play before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Challenge Your Declarer Play:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good and bad playsBy WangThis book consists of 62 play problems, most of them are pretty good. However, sometimes the explanation is not deep enough, the author has some blind spots, and the plan the author suggests is not optimal.In problem 17 from a real deal, the author says many 'top-

class' declarers had a blind spot and failed. However, the suggested line in the book actually ruins the entries to handle bad breaks, and the extra chance it gains is smaller than the chance of bad breaks it can no longer handle. Problem 26 is essentially a double-dummy problem, and the author never tries GIB or any other double-dummy resolver to confirm his line, which is wrong. In problem 29, the author put the ten of diamonds in the wrong side, and a simple finesse in diamonds is better than his line, and he never mention simple finesse. In problem 50, the author never analyzes an alternative of backward finesse, which turns out to be superior. Even if the alternative is inferior, failing to point out and compare this line is a bad sign. In problem 56, the author falls in love with the queen of hearts and misses a guaranteed strip squeeze against East. However, there are still 50 pretty good deals that I can enjoy. I read bridge books to learn techniques, and some misses by the author actually result in higher level endplays, and I can still learn from that. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Advanced problems, not my favorite set By B. Einhorn The book says Intermediate/Advanced, but I think its weighted toward the latter. I like some of Roth's other books, so I decided to try this. I'm reminded of Eric Jannersten's "The Only Chance" where you are presented with a bad contract and must play for some exact layout (ex. LHO must have a singleton 9 or 10). While these problems may be interesting to some, I was disappointed because I was looking for a set of generally interesting and challenging problems in a typical contract, where the emphasis would be on making the best play or avoiding pitfalls (like not unblocking or acting to a 4-1 split). The book isn't bad, its just not what I was looking for. Almost half the problems involve squeezes. Maybe a third to half involve terrible contracts where you have to play for some unlikely layout. The first third are more appropriate to intermediate plus. Rather than this book I would suggest: Terence Reese - The Most Puzzling Situations in Bridge Play Eric Jannersten - Find the Mistake Eric Jannersten - Play safe -- and win Eric Jannersten - The Only Chance

In this quiz book, well-known author Danny Roth has compiled a set of challenges that will test the reader's ability as a declarer, and at the same time introduce some stratagems that may be unfamiliar. The hands are tougher than those in Focus on Declarer Play, and they are not presented in the same teaching mode, rather, they are in a random order as one might encounter them at the bridge table.