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**Julian Pottage, Peter Burrows : The Art of Psychic Bidding: (And Its Pitfalls)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Art of Psychic Bidding: (And Its Pitfalls):

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Could have been a lot betterBy Randy PennerThe hands were pretty good. But there wasn't much teaching, and I didn't get anything out of teh book.Take Zia Mahmoud for example. It would have been interesting to have a chapter on Lead Inhibiting Doubles (psyches - bids pretending to control a suit

so the defenders won't lead it). He is know to make those. Show a few examples of these, discuss when to use them and when not to. Fake Lightner Doubles - when the opponents have been bidding 2 suits and you have a void in the higher ranking suit, and by doubling you hope they bid 6 of the higher suit so pard can lead to your void. Give some examples, discuss what to look for. Example of a bad psych - bidding 1NT with 0 HCP. Guess what, pard is very likely to have enough HCP to put you in game. You may easily end up in a doubled game, down 2,3,4, when the opponents may have had a 50% game. Or pard with a good hand will put you in slam, down a few. What are bad psyches. Psychic bidding is a broad topic and this book taught almost NOTHING. Save your money. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. No analysis or teaching, just listing of hands. By Katthy Dillon. The book teaches little about when to make psyche bids, and insted just lists examples from high level competition. Victor Mollo (The Finer Arts) 0 has a similar book, which is better. What I had hoped to see was a discussion of when not to psyche (with some examples) and when it was good to psyche (with a lot more examples). The book should have ben titled "Some Psyche bids made in high level matches or by good players" 0 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Shouldn't miss. By Midwest Book Review. Any with an interest in psychic bluffing's forms and applications shouldn't miss The Art of Psychic Bidding And Its Pitfalls. Psychic bidding is defined as bluffing calls to create an illusion of strength or length in a suit, or to hide weakness: this is the only full-length book on the topic to cover ethics, applications, and the experiences of famous psychs. Diane C. Donovan. California Bookwatch

Bridge lovers everywhere will revel in this tribute to the art of the psych-out. This is the first in-depth analysis of how to intimidate and confuse any opponent published since 1932. Blunderbusses and rapiers; baby, controlled, and shift psychs; no-trump moves and deceptive doubles here are a wealth of examples, spanning the years and culled from around the world. Study and benefit from the most dramatic psych-outs ever, each described in detail, complete with diagrams of opening hands and position set-up.

About the Author Julian Pottage is a leading bridge writer and a distinguished contributor to bridge theory. Peter Burrows is a keen bridge researcher with a special interest in psychic bidding.