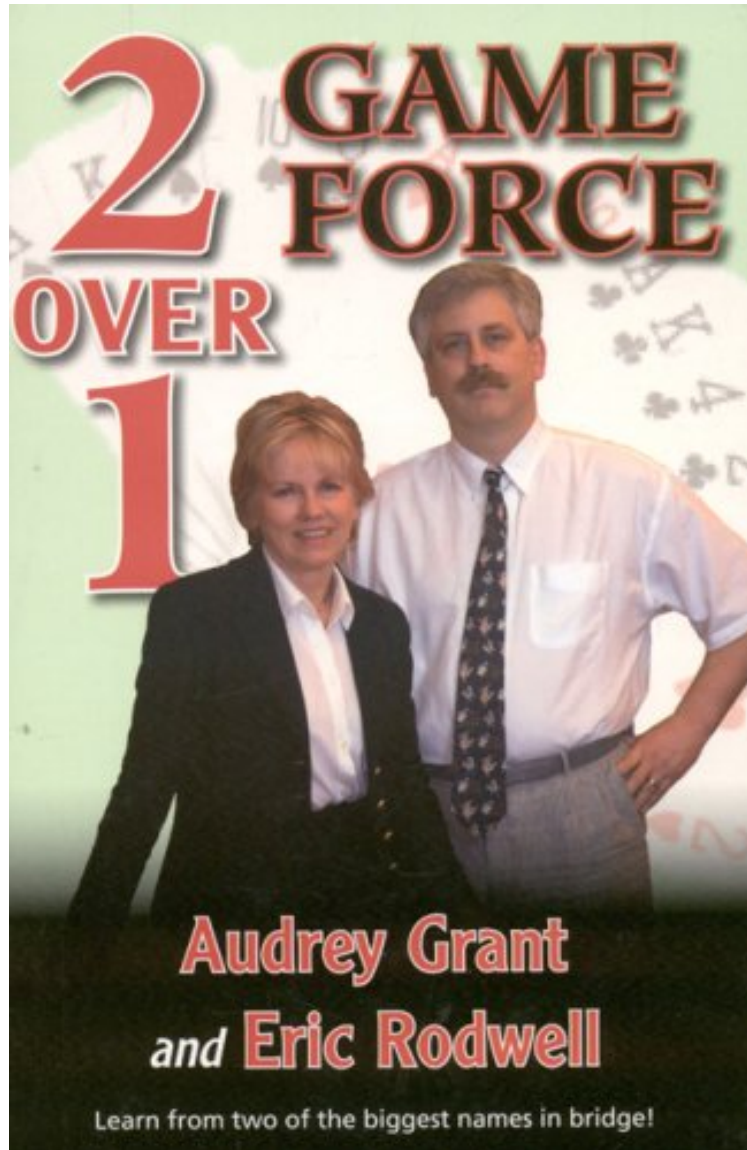


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Audrey Grant, Eric Rodwell : 2 Over 1 Game Force (The Official Better Bridge) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised 2 Over 1 Game Force (The Official Better Bridge):

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Typical Audrey Grant approach to 2/1By Gordon LarsonFor those who like Audrey Grant's approach to Standard American bidding, you'll find her book on 2 over 1 a comfortable read. Audrey and her authoring companion Eric Rodwell stick to the basics of 2/1 and 1NT Forcing in the main treatment, while briefly describing some alternative approaches such as 2/1 semi-forcing and 1NT semi-forcing in the

appendices. You may or may not appreciate Rodwell's choice of "Marathon Bid" in lieu of the more traditional "Game Force" but it does have a certain appeal for those who are resistant to the idea of being forced into anything, although the outcome is the same. Like most advocates of 2/1 and its essential companion the 1NT Forcing response, Grant and Rodwell highlight the advantages and soft pedal the disadvantages of adopting this system, but like all conventions, there is no free lunch, and you always have to give something up to get something of advantage and 2/1 is no exception. Advocates of 2/1 will argue that it allows partnerships to bid games and slams more comfortably, and Grant and Rodwell provide plenty of examples to illustrate that advantage. At its most basic level, 2 over 1 is not particularly complicated, and it doesn't take a complete book to describe the system; so Grant and Rodwell fill it out with more examples than necessary to get their point across. For those who enjoy reading bridge columns in the newspaper, you will find this part enjoyable. After finishing the basic treatment of 2/1 and 1NT Forcing, you can leave this book on your nightstand and read an example hand or two each night before dropping off to sleep.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Well written, good reference book with real world examples
By Sven Golly
First book on 2/1 that I've read that really explains the rationale for the whole system with solid examples of why it works. I think they authors go a bit too far in trying to graphically organize the material with colors, symbols and gadgets when in some spots a more straightforward narrative would work better. That's my reason for deducting 1 star. Don't hate me for it.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Definitely recommended
By Suru_A
Very well written reference, characteristic of all Audrey Grant and Eric Rodwell material. It does assume more than basic knowledge of Standard American system, and of bridge in general. This makes it a book for intermediate players. It is not for the beginners, though I suppose 2/1 is really only for advancing players since it is an extension of, and an evolution from SA. In that respect, I would suggest "25 Steps to Learning 2/1 (Master Point Press)." I would give that book 5 stars. If you were to buy only one, I would suggest Paul Thurston's book, which 'talks down to you' by design. The book under review is also a great resource. I would however have preferred many more quizzes at the end of each subject. Also, many basic elements such as Bergen raises and New Minor Forcing have been left out. I think they could have easily been accommodated here. Great thing about this and all of Grant / Baron Barclay books is that the suits are printed in color. Very easy on the eyes..so are the bidding 'boxes'. The paper and the book are of very high quality. One complaint I have relates to the physical size. It is a bit narrow and that makes text a bit dense. They should print all their books the size and style of those by Master Point Press.

This book covers the basics of Two-Over-One Game Force, a popular variation of Standard American bidding. It shows how a small modification can make it easier for the partnership to get to the best game contract and explore the possibility of slam. Using a response of 1 NT as a forcing bid can improve the results. Bidding is color-coded in this well organized book. Summaries, exercises, and sample deals illustrate the ideas.