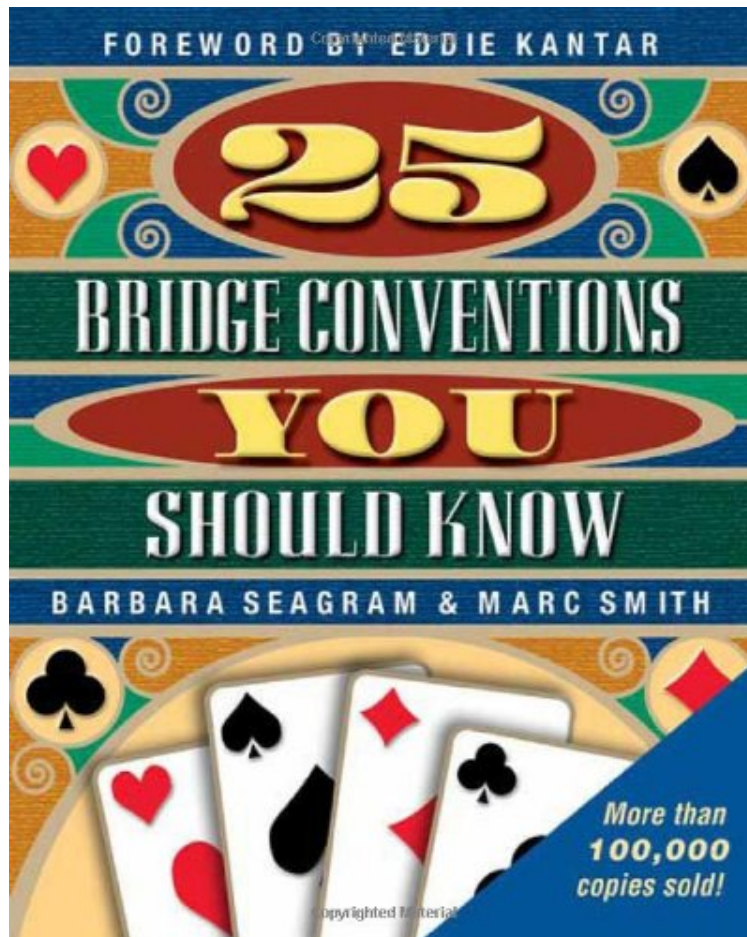


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(such as Jacoby Transfers and Blackwood); "More Complicated" (such as splinters, cuebid raises and Jacoby 2NT); and "Sophisticated Stuff" (such as Reverse Drury and New Minor Forcing). Each topic is covered in a standalone chapter. There are excellent illustrations of every technique being discussed, followed by half a dozen or so problems designed to test your understanding. A clear explanation of the "right" answers follow, which again helps the student firm up his grasp of the topic. The writing style seems to set just the right level of conversational versus pedantic, and the book is generally a pleasure to use and re-use as time proceeds. We direct a novice / intermediate duplicate bridge game in our spare time and this is the one book we recommend all our players acquire and study. While it is not meant to be read cover to cover, and for sure, some of the topics are better suited to those with a year or two of playing under their belts, it is a fine "first bridge book" for many a player. Highly recommended!

It doesn't take long before beginning bridge players want to know more about bidding systems, and especially about conventions. The authors have selected 25 basic conventions and treatments that novice players can easily assimilate into their own methods. They explain clearly and concisely how to use each one, and how it fits into a standard bidding system. Each section ends with a summary chart as well as a self-quiz to ensure that the reader has understood the concepts.