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**David Bird, Terence Reese : Unholy Tricks (Master Bridge Series)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Unholy Tricks (Master Bridge Series):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy NickWith superb use of the English language, this is one of David Bird's best Abbot books.4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful bridge humourBy John Peter O'connorThis is the second book in the "Monks of St.Titus" series in which we see the Abbot and his community spending as much time at the Bridge table as at Prayer. The book is presented as a collection of individual

or grouped hands and there is no need to tackle these books in sequence. The hands are interesting and the presentation is very funny indeed. The material originally appeared as a series of articles, written by David Bird, in various Bridge magazines. Terence Reese is credited with adding some polish and a famous name, to the book form. The great appeal of this book is that the characters seem so real. Of course, you do not meet that many monks at the local bridge club, but you do meet people just like the Abbot and so on. By setting part of the book with two monks working as missionaries, the authors also have an opportunity to introduce a fair share of the zany too though. The highlight of this book is the section in Africa where the missionaries win the trials to represent Upper Bhumpopo in the African championships and then travel to Tunis to play as internationals and have a shot at qualifying for the Bermuda Bowl. It's very funny and the hands are also interesting. The hands are well chosen and the play problems presented all fit to the characters of the players involved. Often this gives a clue if you are trying to solve the problems before reading about them. Any Bridge player with a sense of humour will love this book. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. The whole series is great. By MMIThe whole series by Reese and Bird on the bridge playing monks and the interludes in Africa with the Bozwambi tribe is great bridge reading. These, with the Mollo books, are a must in any bridge players library. The hands are a little technical, but fun.

UNHOLY TRICKS by Terence Reese and David Bird is a further collection of bridge tales involving the eccentric monks of St Titus. In addition to their usual rubber bridge games - and they play for surprisingly high stakes at the monastery - the monks become involved in duplicate matches against nuns, visiting Italians and even the local police.