

## Winning Contract Bridge

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**Edgar Kaplan : Winning Contract Bridge** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Winning Contract Bridge:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Best of the Bunch By Nancy Talbot Doty Contract bridge is great to play--tiresome and confusing to read. Kaplan does the best job I have encountered of making the Goren Point Count System logical and sensible. (He actually does it better than did Charles Goren, himself.) When I undertook to help three close friends learn the game, I tried preparing my own summaries of the Goren System but finally surrendered

and bought them each a copy of Edgar Kaplan's "Winning Contract Bridge Complete" I must say that they (my "students") are getting pretty good. The book is logically organized and worth recommending to anyone who really wishes to learn this complex game. My star pupil, after just a few months of practice, went Snow-birding in California and scored 6600 points in one afternoon, while playing with total strangers who considered themselves expert players. No bridge player ever completely learns the game. The fun of it is the challenge of improving with every session.4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. This book gave me a second chance at Bridge.By Two BearsMy first forays into the game of Bridge was dismal.I read "Bridge Complete" Charles Goren, the series of books by Audrey Grant, and the more I read and studied the less I seemed to understand. I was about to throw my hands up in disgust, and walk away from the game.A friend who is a Bridge life master; gave me a little encouragement, and I tried this book, and it helped tremendously. Today I enjoy playing bridge, and I actually win the money quite often.If you are in the same position I was two years ago; GET THIS book and forget everything you read in "Audrey Grant book series", and start bidding on your strength instead of your weakness ie "dummy points""Dummy points" are a disaster waiting for a place to happen for two reasons.1. If you are going to add dummy points for short suits; you BETTER have more than three trump because your partner may have to play ALL of your trumps before pulling all of the trumps from your opponents, and you have none left to trump short suits.2. If your partner changes from a Trump suit a No Trump contract; your short suits are a liability instead of a help.If you add extra points for a long suit like 7 or 8 cards in a suit; after the suit is played twice all of the little cards in that suit will take tricks in a trump bid after the trumps have been pulled, or a No Trump bid.There are only two bridge books I recommend."Winning Contract Bridge" Edgar Kaplan"Standard Bridge Bidding: for the 21st century" Max Hardy0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy CustomerGood choice

Do you want to learn to play bridge? Or are you an advanced player seeking to improve your game? In this stimulating volume, world-renowned bridge expert Edgar Kaplan reveals the special techniques that enabled him to win several championship titles. Actually two books in one, this compact guide introduces basics to beginners and offers sophisticated strategies to more experienced players.Book One (The Fundamentals) is a comprehensive course in basic bridge designed to help beginners build a solid, confident grounding in the game. Kaplan systematically presents every facet of bidding and playing from calculating the worth of your hand, to bidding strategically for trump and notrump games, to scoring rubbers. Competitive bidding, winning tricks, and other useful play techniques are also fully explained and demonstrated with numerous examples.Book Two (The Fine Points) is based on the author's own personal secrets of success. Kaplan delves into effective ways to plan the play and employ defense strategies, tactical moves and exceptional bidding positions. He explains exactly how and when to deceive opponents, communicate precise information to partners, sacrifice, use cue bids and depart from normal procedures. The newest modern bridge techniques and conventions are analyzed clearly and concisely, and there are dozens of helpful tips on various parts of the game.Winning Contract Bridge offers these special features for all players: brief and concise "rules to remember" at the end of each chapter; general rules, penalties, and proprieties that define over 160 major bridge terms; a scoring chart, point-count table, and convenient analytical table of contents.Whether you are a neophyte playing your first rubber, an occasional player reviewing the rules, or a devotee attempting to catch your opponents off guard, Kaplan's expert advice and comprehensive coverage make this book a truly unbeatable way to learn more effective bridge play.