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Martin Tompa Ph.D. : Winning Schnapsen: From Card Play Basics to Expert Strategy before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Winning Schnapsen: From Card Play Basics to Expert Strategy:

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. The Schnapsen BibleBy Jonathan LeeThis is THE Schnapsen bible. Starting with a gentle introduction to the game, and working through strategic concepts from the basic to the advanced, "Winning Schnapsen" is a must have for anyone looking to improve their game. I particularly liked the appendices

with a glossary, and approachable explanations of the current state of Schnapsen-related research. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A masterpiece on an intriguing game of subtle strategy By Stephen Berthiaume I found this game while looking for a good 2-player card game. I lived in Germany for a while, and speak the language fluently, but had never heard of this game before (I understand it's more popular in Austria). I started reading Psellos' Schnapsen Log and became intrigued with the game. I play the app on my iPad a lot, and reading this book has upped my game immensely. I'm teaching Schnapsen to some friends so we can play face-to-face (more difficult when trying to keep the score straight in your head as opposed to having an app score it for you!), and I've already lent it out a couple of times. Maybe time for a second copy... a note on the name of the game- I've seen a lot of people attribute Schnapsen with "Schnaps," (alcohol), but I think the origin goes back to the verb "schnappen", "to snatch, or snap at the bait." Maybe when the game got hot heavy, there was a lot of snatching at the tricks on the table. Besides, the plural of "Schnaps" would have an umlaut over the "a" (Schnapse) and adding an "N" to the end of the word would indicate the dative case, not the nominative. just my opinion... I'd like to find some doppeldeutsch cards to play this for real; anyone know where to find them in the states? 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. The best book on Schnapsen that is out there By Florian Wisser This is the first book worldwide that systematically discusses strategies for successful play of Schnapsen. No prior knowledge of the game is necessary to read the book. Using examples from real game situations, there is discussion of different aspects of the strategy, from basic techniques such as trump control in the endgame to throw-in, expected gain, and discarding valuable cards to deceive the opponent. The final chapter contains examples from all the previously discussed areas of strategy, embedded in stories from the family history of the author's father from the interwar period to emigration during the Second World War. The detailed and thorough analyses will definitely help to improve your game. If you want to learn Schnapsen or are already a passionate player, this is the book to get!

Winning Schnapsen introduces readers to the play and winning strategy of Schnapsen, the most fascinating two-player card game. No one has ever written a book about the intriguing strategy of Schnapsen, despite the game's 300+ year history and despite certain similarities to the card game Bridge, about which hundreds of books have been written. Winning Schnapsen will be the definitive book on the game. Schnapsen and its variants are popular throughout continental Europe. Schnapsen is, in fact, the national card game of Austria, where tournaments are played regularly. Winning Schnapsen now brings the game to a global audience. You do not need to know anything about the game when you start reading Winning Schnapsen. Schnapsen is simple to learn; the book begins with the complete rules and then proceeds to show you how to win. The strategy is presented entirely through thought-provoking, specific examples that arise commonly in the game, in a manner very similar to the daily newspapers Bridge or Chess columns. Each such example is posed as a fun and challenging puzzle more than 100 puzzles in all and the reader has the opportunity to solve each one before turning the page to read the complete solution. Using concrete examples and clear explanations, Winning Schnapsen presents techniques that will increase your playing skill, no matter how experienced you are. You can improve your game dramatically by working through just one of Professor Tompa's puzzles each day. If you do that, it will be as if he were your private tutor in the comfort of your own home.

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