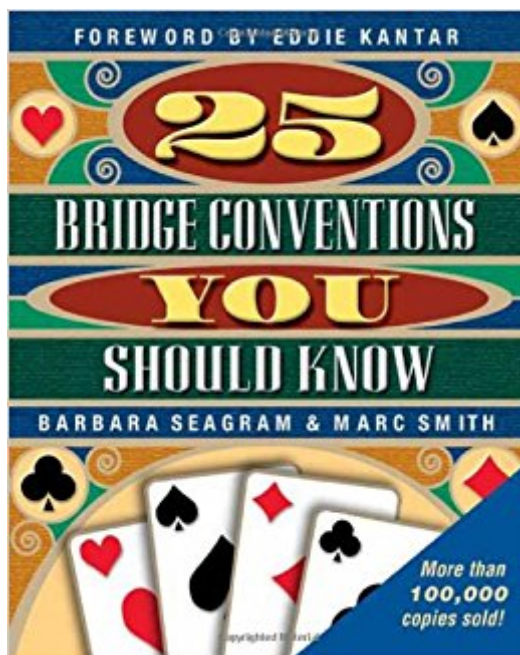


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# 25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know



## Synopsis

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.

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We believe Barbara Seagram's (with Marc Smith) "25 Bridge Conventions" is the original, and to us the best, of the growing series of "25 ..." bridge texts. The teaching technique is such that even the early "easy" conventions, such as Stayman or Weak 2's, are covered in enough detail to instruct a player previously unfamiliar with the topic. Yet even those with years of playing experience can refer back to various subjects as their skills improve, sifting out or reinforcing various subtleties of the material. The book is divided into three sections: "Learn These First" (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!

Excellent description for the most useful conventions. Lots of demo hands and "quizzes". Last section is for duplicate player/"experts" who have time to "study" with their partners and spend a lot of time at the table. As for me, 2 games a week, not duplicate, it's a 5 star winner for ease of use and usefulness for the average intermediate/beginner.

I teach beginning and advanced bridge lessons. I have used this book but broke it down over a 6 week period, taking only 2 conventions at a time. Since the class was relatively large (24) I found it helpful to arrange duplicate boards illustrating the lesson conventions. It served two purposes, to introduce the convention and to learn duplicate at a relaxed table. (No matchpoint scoring only the duplicate score) I picked most used conventions and plan to expand the more advanced conventions at a later time with one convention at a time in a workshop utilizing the same format. This book is invaluable for a teacher and several class members bought it for themselves.

A nice addition to my Bridge library. Play in two Bridge groups so nice to have some new ideas on how to play better.

This is the second time I've purchased this book. I loaned the first to a friend and never got it back! The way the conventions are explained really sticks with me. I love the book.

If you are looking for a bridge book that covers the most common conventions out there in the "bridge world"...this is the book for you. This book covers all the essentials to learn and understand the most popular bridge conventions. It does it in an easy to understand and precise manner. You will feel confident after reading and studying. The one feature missing.....doesn't give you the opportunity to practice much on each convention. You will have to play to learn that. But this book is worth the price to increase your playing power.

A must have for all bridge players. Detailed lessons on bridge conventions and practice hands will get you started on all the important bridge conventions.

A friend recommended this book to me and after reading hers, I decided it was a great guide for my husband and I to read; so that we would both be on the same page when bidding. My husband stated that it was a good format, and though he hates to read rules, decided that he would use this book as a guide. I ordered the book, 25 Conventions You Should Know (from , where I always get my books) and have since ordered the book, 25 More Conventions You Should Know. Hope we can improve our game!PBJLY

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