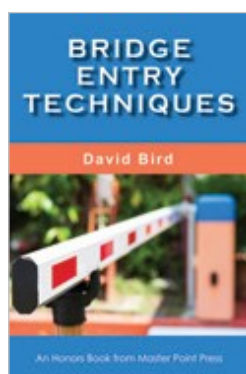


Bridge Entry Techniques

Where declarer or the defence is confronted with the problem



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Bridge is many things to many people, which is to say you will either love “Bridge Entry Techniques” or have no interest whatsoever. The book is hand after hand where declarer or the defence is confronted with a problem. For me this is the perfect book for improving your game.

The first part of the book is 69 declarer play hands involving entries, blocking and unblocking plays, ducking, avoidance and much more. There follows 43 defender play deals involving similar techniques. To finish there are 24 declarer play problems and 16 defender play problems.

The standard of play is expert but that doesn't mean you have to be an expert to enjoy the cut and thrust involved. Cover the East-West cards on the deal below and plan your play in 3NT on the ♥2 lead to East's 9:

♠ 84			
♥ 873			
♦ 8754			
♣ A642			
♠ J75	N	♠ AT92	
♥ QJ62	W	♥ T94	E
♦ QT62	S	♦ J93	
♣ J3		♣ QT9	
♠ KQ63			
♥ AK5			
♦ AK			
♣ K875			

The heart lead is fourth best so the hearts are 4-3. You hope to make 3 club tricks, two hearts and two diamonds so you need two spade tricks. You will therefore need ♠A onside and two entries to dummy to lead spades twice up to your K-Q. So win ♥K, play ♣7 to the ♣A and a spade up to your king. Now you need to play ♣K and ♣8, unblocking and creating a later entry with ♣5 to ♣6 to play another spade from dummy. Voila, nine tricks!

David Bird is the world's most prolific bridge author with 141 bridge books to his name. He has won the prestigious American Bridge Teachers Association “Book of the Year” Award an incredible 8 times and his books have been translated into 8 different languages. Highly recommended if you enjoy this sort of book.

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