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# **CLOSE ENCOUNTERS**

**BRIDGE'S GREATEST MATCHES**

**BOOK 1: 1964 TO 2001**

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## GENERAL INTEREST

This two-book series describes some of the most memorable bridge matches of the last fifty years: amazing comebacks and down to the wire finishes provide insight into how the game has changed over the last half century. **BOOK 1** begins with Italy asserting its supremacy over Great Britain in 1964, and ends with Germany's dramatic Venice Cup win over France in 2001.

*This is the highlight reel for 30+ years of top-level bridge with play-by-play from two of the best in the business. Kokish and Horton have produced a fascinating narrative, covering not only bridge analysis and theory, but the characters who played these dramatic hands.*

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