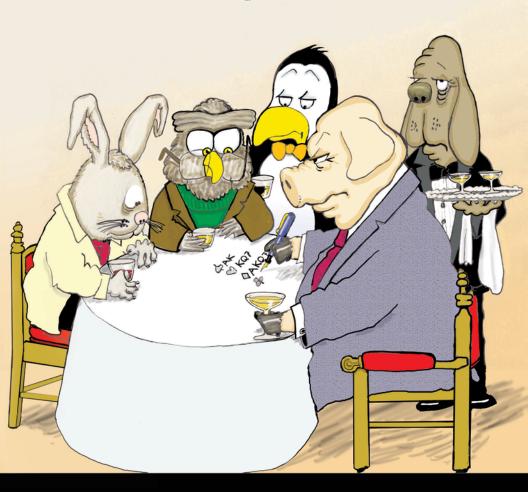
Victor Mollo

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Are the Hog's Best Friend



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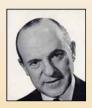
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'I am sure I could devise a system that no one would understand. Perhaps I've been playing one all along without knowing it.'

Just about every bridge player over forty has read Victor Mollo's Bridge in the Menagerie, a book that is on any list of the all-time top ten on the game. Towards the end of his life, Mollo continued to write stories about the same well-loved characters (the Hideous Hog, the Rueful Rabbit, Oscar the Owl and the rest), but they appeared in various magazines around the world, and if you weren't a subscriber, you didn't get to read them.

This is the second Master Point Press collection of these lost Menagerie gems, appearing here for the first time in book form (following *The Hog Takes To Precision* in 2011).



VICTOR MOLLO (1909-1987) was one of the best-loved authors ever to write about bridge. He wrote many excellent how-to books on the game (including the classic Card Play Technique, with Nico Gardener) but it is as a humorist, and the author of Bridge in the Menagerie and its sequels, that he is best remembered.

