

# MY FAVORITE 52

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*My Favorite 52* was originally published as interactive software, and won the American Bridge Teachers Association ‘Software of the Year’ award in 2005. This is its first publication in book form.

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