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By working through the questionnaires in this book with their partner, readers will be able to refine their bidding system, select conventions and agreements that suit their style, define their defensive carding agreements, and give their game a winning edge. The first book ever published by Master Point Press, *Partnership Bidding* has been revised and updated to include today's bidding methods.



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