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What is it like to play with Zia? What makes Rodwell-Meckstroth the best pair in the world? Why are the Polish experts everyone's least favorite opponents? The answers to these and many other bridge questions can be found in these pages. Since winning the 1976 *Sunday Times* Pairs in his early twenties with an even younger Michael Rosenberg, Barnet Shenkin has had the chance to play with and against most of the world's best players. Indeed, he knows most of them personally, and few bridge writers can match his insights into their successes. By recounting his own bridge career to date, with tales of triumph and disaster from world championships to big-money rubber bridge, the author puts you at the table with the greatest players of our time, and lets you find out exactly how it feels to *play with the bridge legends.*



While masquerading for almost thirty years as a rug importer, **BARNET SHENKIN** was in real life one of Scotland's most successful bridge players. Playing with six different partners, he represented Scotland in the Camrose Trophy almost fifty times over three decades, winning on six occasions. He also represented Great Britain in more than 200 matches in major championships with four different partners. His bridge successes include seven Scottish Cups (the premier event in Scotland), three Gold Cups (Britain's most prestigious event), two Portland Pairs (the Mixed Championship of Britain) and two *Sunday Times* Invitationals (at the time, the world's foremost invitational pairs event). He moved to the USA with his wife Maggie in 1998 and has since won a North American championship title. He writes occasionally for various bridge magazines.



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