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SECRETS OF A BRIDGE CHAMPION

DOS and DON'TS



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## THIS BOOK WILL CHANGE THE WAY YOU PLAY BRIDGE

In this ground-breaking book, multiple world champion Eric Rodwell describes his unique approach to cardplay. First, he explains his process for deciding on a line of play — using concepts such as +L positions, tightropes, trick packages and Control Units. Then he moves on to a host of innovative ideas, stratagems that can be used as declarer or defender — the Speed of Lightning Play, the Left Jab, the Super Duck, Days of Thunder, Bait and Switch, Gouging, and many, many more. The next two sections explore defense, especially situations that require counter-intuitive strategies. Finally, he talks about the mental aspects of the game, areas that mark the key differences between an average player and a successful one. Throughout, the ideas are illustrated with examples from high-level play, many of them involving the author.

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