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Topics in Declarer Play at Bridge



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Three years after producing the definitive texts on defensive card play at bridge, master teacher and writer Eddie Kantar now turns his attention to some of the key topics in declarer play. Eddie's many fans will not be disappointed; the familiar self-deprecating humor that has endeared him to hundreds of thousands of readers is there on almost every page. The ideas in this book (entry management, suit establishment techniques, finessing — both how to and how not to, counting, and endplays) are handled thoroughly. However, they are presented in a way that any reader can manage, with carefully selected concrete examples, clear concepts, practice hands, chapter-end quizzes, and key-point summaries.

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