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BRIDGE LESSONS**



**DECLARER PLAY:
THE NEXT LEVEL**

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The instructive material in this book is presented in a novel way, as if the author is delivering a series of bridge lessons to a small group of enthusiasts. Occasionally, members of the audience ask questions, or make comments. Its predecessors, *Twelve Important Bridge Lessons on Declarer Play* and *Twelve Important Bridge Lessons on Defense* won Book of the Year from the American Bridge Teachers' Association in consecutive years.

Aimed at intermediate-level players, this book takes declarer play to the next level. Twelve important topics have been chosen, describing techniques that you might apply during every session you play. Each lesson contains at least eight illustrative deals. Each is explained in David Bird's clear and lucid style and ends with a Point to Remember. A set of recap questions comes next, to test you on the chosen topic. Finally, there are four declarer-play problems, which can be solved with the techniques just described.

The topics covered are: trump management, safety plays, trump coups, counting the hand, managing entries, avoidance tactics, timing the play, deceptive moves, loser-on-loser plays, predicting the defense, throw-in plays and the simple squeeze. Where basic examples in some of these categories were covered in *Twelve Important Bridge Lessons on Declarer Play*, we move to the next level of play here. Sharpen your declarer play by revisiting these lessons time and again.



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