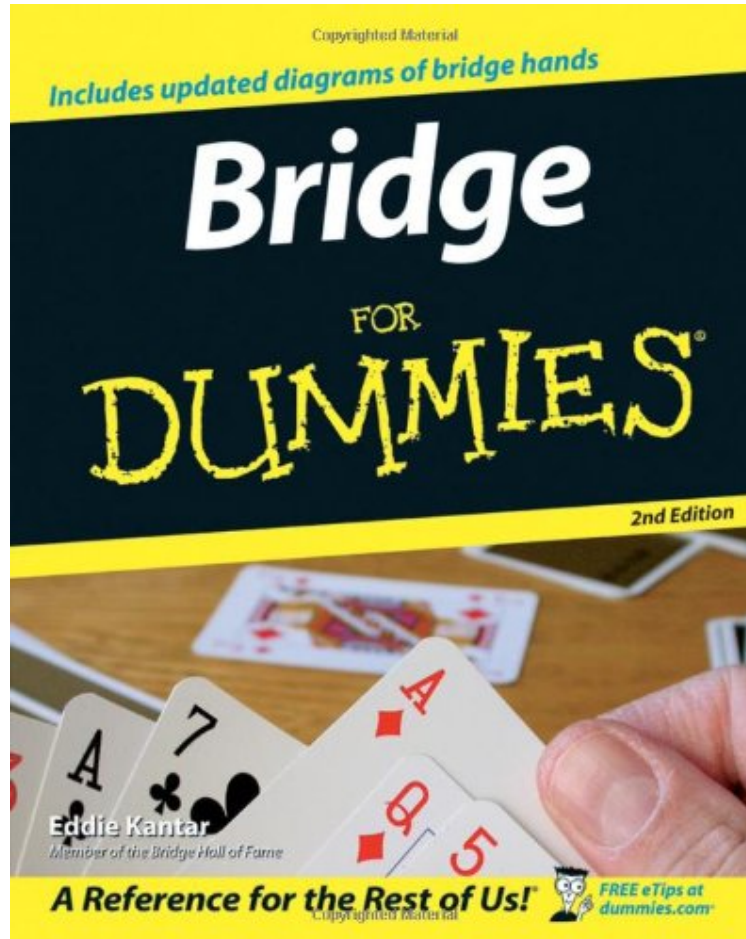


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has been improved in this new 2006 edition. It's a much better book than the *Idiot's Guide to Bridge*. An absolute beginner would probably need help from another player or teacher to get through this book. The trouble with most beginning bridge books is that they only have bidding. The play section is first and the book keeps it simple and clear. I like that the No Trump section uses 15-17 HCP and Jacoby Transfers.

Bridge, as any player will tell you, is simply the best card game ever. Its challenging each hand presents a different set of conditions you must figure out and solve. It's very social you play with a partner and two opponents. And best of all it's fun. *Bridge For Dummies, 2E* gives you a step-by-step explanation of the fundamentals of the game in terms you can understand. It walks you through the different aspects of bridge, featuring real-life examples, so that you can feel comfortable with the basics before you ever start to play. And if you're already experienced at the game, you'll discover a wealth of tips and hints that can make you a better player. You'll learn all about: The basics of nontrump play

"For the beginner or near-beginner, the revised *Bridge for Dummies* by Eddie Kantar is the best choice." (The New York Times, December 16, 2006) From the Back Cover Find out how to strategize with your partner Hone your bridge skills and trump your opponents in no time! Bridge isn't a game for wimps, but this helpful guide opens the door to understanding bridge with plenty of illustrated example hands, the latest bidding techniques, and an updated resources list. Bridge champion Eddie Kantar demystifies the strategies you need to succeed at this challenging game. Discover how to Understand bridge terms Count and take sure tricks Strategically rank, decode, and respond to bids Find ways to double and redouble Keep score using different styles Search for bridge resources About the Author Eddie Kantar, a transplanted Californian, is one of the best-known bridge writers in the world. He has more than 30 bridge books in print, some translated into 8 languages, and is a regular contributor to the *Bulletin*, *The Bridge World*, *Bridge Today*, and many other bridge publications. Eddie, a two-time World Champion, is highly regarded as a player and known as one of bridge's great ambassadors. Eddie learned to play bridge at age 11. By the time he was 17, he was teaching the game to his friends. Eddie was so enthusiastic about bridge that he often took his bridge books to school, hiding them behind his textbooks so that the teachers couldn't see him reading about bridge during class. At the University of Minnesota, where Eddie studied foreign languages, he taught bridge to pay his tuition. Eddie gained stature as a player by winning 2 World Championship titles and 11 North American Championships. His North American titles include wins in the Spingold Knockout Teams, the Reisinger Board-a-Match Teams, the Vanderbilt Knockout Teams, and the Grand National Teams. Eddie is a Grand Master in World Bridge Federation rankings and an ACBL Grand Life Master. Today Eddie is best known as a writer, and many of his books are considered classics. When not playing bridge or writing about the subject, he can be found playing paddle tennis (an offshoot of tennis) or bridge at the paddle tennis courts at Venice Beach (come and join the fun in either game). By the way, Eddie is the only person ever to have played in both a World Bridge Championship and a World Table Tennis Championship (he did better at bridge). Eddie was inducted into the Bridge Hall of Fame in 1996, the same year he was inducted into the Minnesota State Table Tennis Hall of Fame.