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**David Bird : Celestial Cardplay (Master Bridge Series)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Celestial Cardplay (Master Bridge Series):

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Celestial WritingBy Peter HgstedtSipping a cozy cup of tea in the company of this book (or the company of any of the many titles in this series) you will find that life is beautiful. You know the characters from real life of course: They thrive in every bridge Club on planet Earth. I like the merciless but humoristic descriptions of how players treat each other.The story however is not just an excuse for introducing some

interesting Bridge Hands, rather it is interwoven with several layers of bridge reflections. Bridge is a mirror of real life. The hands, I am sure you will agree, are fascinating, and be alert: Bird does not always spell it all out, sometimes an odd gesture or seemingly irrelevant remark is the only clue you get to the next level of thought. Curiously enough these books about the bridge playing monks belong to the small segment of bridge literature not preaching any gospel. Nevertheless, by reading them your game will improve, and you will become a more pleasant person for your partner and your club.

Readers of David Bird's humorous bridge stories will give a delighted welcome to this new addition to the celebrated series. As ever, the irascible Abbot makes his acerbic presence felt and the long-suffering fraternity diverts itself with much entertaining and excitingly interesting bridge. For more than 30 years, David Bird's tales of the bridge-crazy monks of St Titus have appeared in magazines around the world. In this tenth collection in book form, the pompous and self-important Abbot hosts a tricky visit from Monsignor Vecchio, a representative of the Vatican authorities. Everything must be done to ensure that the visitor, a very moderate bridge player, finishes well in the monastery duplicate. In another story, the Abbot visits the Convent of St Hilda's and is not overjoyed to be put in partnership with the 80-year-old Mother of Discipline. Regular followers of David Bird's work will know what to expect - a first-rate mixture of excellent bridge, entertaining characters and sparkling dialogue.

About the Author David Bird is recognised as the world's leading humorous bridge writer. He has written over 130 bridge books, and in the last ten years he has won six 'Book of the Year' awards from the American Bridge Teachers Association - and in 2016 won the Master Point Press International Bridge Press Association Book of the Year Award for The Abbot, the Parrot and the Bermuda Bowl. David contributes regularly to Bridge Magazine, English Bridge, Bridge World, the American Contract Bridge League bulletin and other magazines around the world, as well as Vu-Bridge on the internet. He is also a voice commentator for Bridge Base Online. He lives in Chandlers Ford, Hampshire, England.