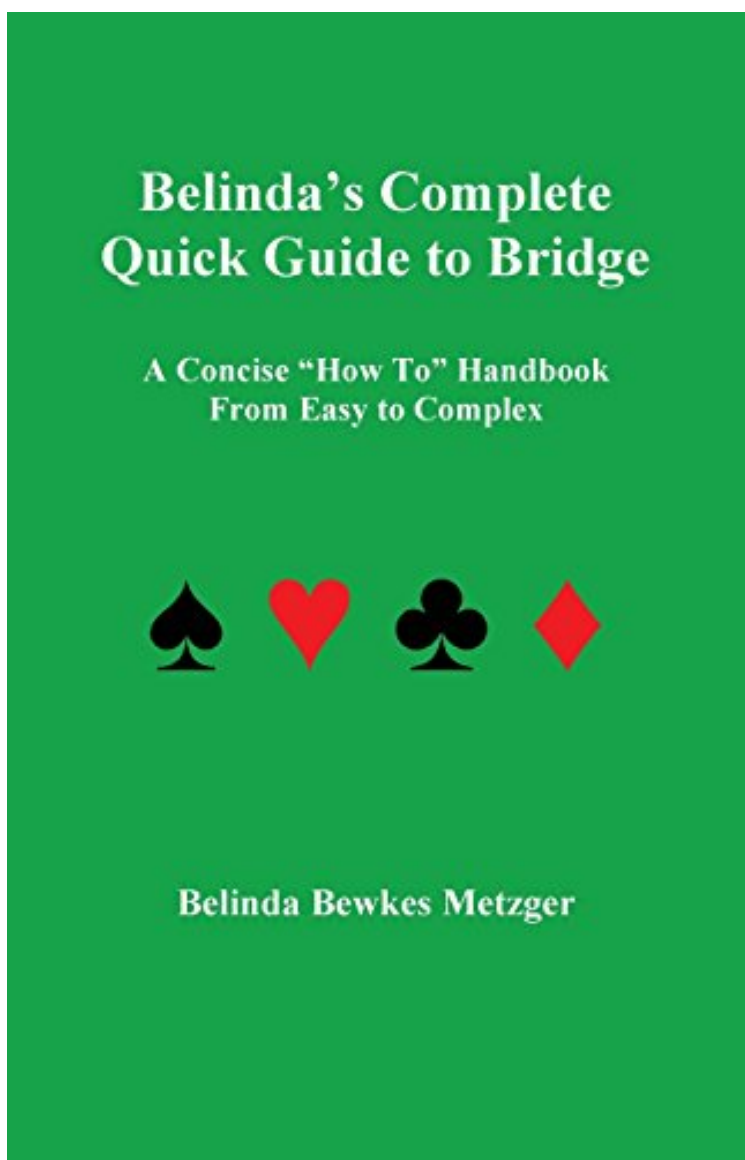


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This "little book" is a giant resource for bridge players! Readers can find straightforward, easy-to-understand explanations of all aspects of bridge, from how to play the game to the more advanced, complex techniques used when playing bridge. With more than 30 photographs and succinct explanations of more than 50 popular bridge conventions, plus helpful tips and practical information, this is a solid, concise reference source for those who want to learn and improve their game. Here's a quick look at what's inside: **The Basics:** Explains how to play the game, the procedures, and the equipment used to play bridge. **Scoring:** Clarifies how to score in duplicate bridge and includes tips and tables. **Bridge Etiquette:** Lists the "Do's" and "Don'ts" at the bridge table. **Bridge Conventions:** Provides a quick and succinct description of more than 50 popular bridge conventions, when to use a particular convention, and what each bid means when describing your hand to your partner. In some cases, the author also tells you why she prefers to use one convention instead of another when there is a choice. **General Rules:** Explains several commonly accepted "bridge rules" players use during play of the hand, such as the Law of Total Tricks, the Rule of 11, the Rule of 15, and many others. **Leads and Defense:** Describes some basic practices when defending a contract, including some of the methods the author likes to use when competing at the bridge table. **Final Words of Advice:** Offers some tips to those who are just starting to learn the game of bridge. When the author first started teaching bridge, she put together five typewritten pages of basic bridge conventions as a quick reference guide. These pages became known as "Belinda's Cheat Sheets" and were widely circulated among other bridge players. She'd often see complete strangers referring to them at the bridge table. At the urging of family and friends, she expanded her "Cheat Sheets" and created *Belinda's Quick Guide to Bridge* (Outskirts Press, 2013). *Belinda's Complete Quick Guide to Bridge* is a more comprehensive version of her first book.