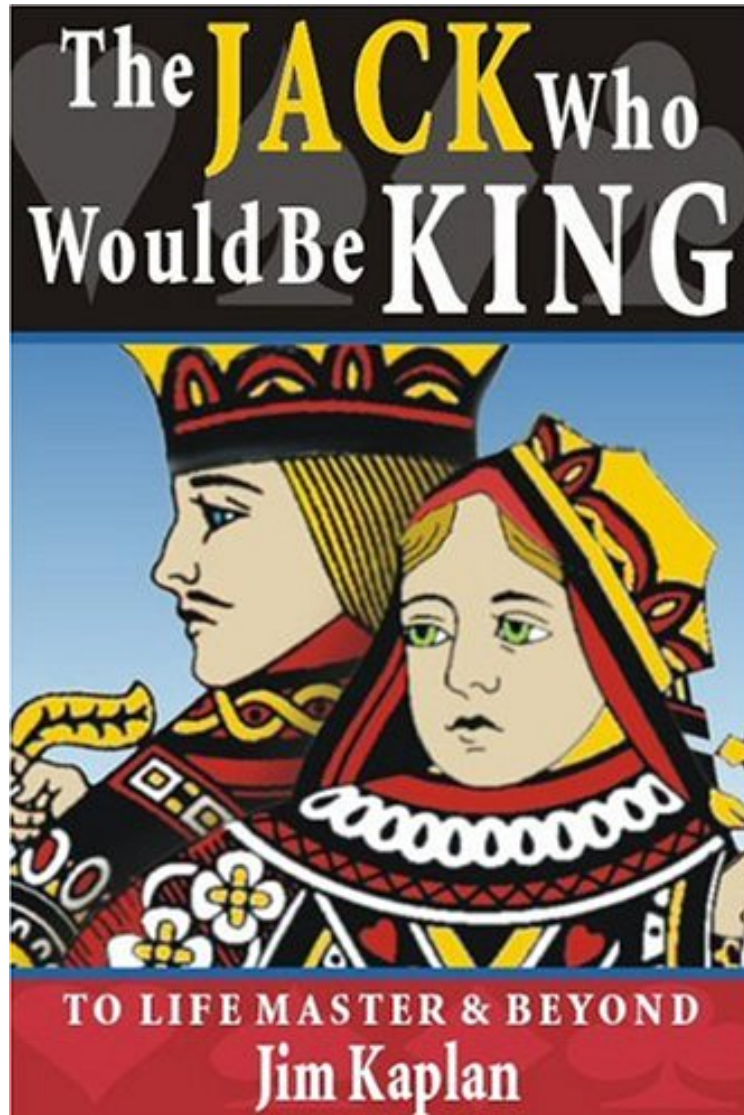


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cover, he offers something for everyone who seeks inspiration in the bidding and play of a bridge hand. The party bridge player contemplating a round of duplicate at the local club will delight in Jim's account of his early partnership with Joseph Moynahan, a retired priest. Sessions of duplicate with "Cardinal Joe" (inventor of a 4 NT convention showing a weak hand with the minors: ugh!) would serve as Jim's baptism of fire. They say that the finest steel is tempered in the hottest flames: a truth of which Jim Kaplan is living proof. Seasoned club players, having endured their personal baptism of fire, may well want to wage the matchpoint wars, or even fight for IMPs and Victory Points, at tournaments: sectionals, regionals, and even nationals. Jim will show them the way. He'll show you the way to STAC (Sectional Tournaments at Clubs) events, where you will earn silver points. In order to get the red and gold points required for Life Master status, accompany him to the New England Knockout Regional in Cromwell CT. At least temporarily, the two of you may find yourselves driving south on I-91, away from instead of toward the site. Not to worry: you'll arrive in the nick of time! Moreover, as a member of Team Kaplan, you just may find yourself winning the whole knockout event. A year later, you'll return there with him and experience the joy of winning 8.22 gold by finishing first in a Swiss teams event. Never feel, even for one moment, that it cannot happen to you. As part of Team Kaplan, it happened to me! For whatever black points you can use in your quest for the elusive rank of Life Master, follow Jim to local clubs all over the United States. A talented writer, Jim will provide picturesque descriptions of playing sites to "guide you through" and leave you with a desire to revisit each and every one. If your passport is valid, you'll be able to play with Jim at clubs located throughout the world: from China, to Italy; from Australia, to Peru. Bridge hands, masterfully analyzed, are accompanied by artful narrative interspersed with foreign words and phrases that will definitely add an element of "local color" to your experience as you bid and play while abroad. Yes, indeed! In *The Jack Who Would Be King*, there is something for everyone with a passion for the game, including the veteran Life Master who has spent years on the tournament trail. The old "Been there, done that" you so often hear cannot even begin to compare with what Jim has experienced in his travels around the globe. "Been there, done that" is a statement which only a person in Jim Kaplan's position can really make. Those who read his book will know exactly what I mean. In it, the game of bridge takes on a new perspective you are sure to find both refreshing and edifying. Respectfully submitted, Paul Laliberte Team Kaplan

Life Masters, the royalty of the bridge community, are not common players, but once upon a time they were. In 1999, Jim Kaplan was as common as they come? a Jack of many trades, he set out to become a Master of one. Not unlike climbing a mountain, full of daunting cliffs and treacherous obstacles, Jim's ascent spans five continents and features an eclectic series of hands in exotic locales with a string of colorful partners against a cast of world-class characters in deals of daring bids and glaring gaffes, grand slams and even grander debacles. *THE JACK WHO WOULD BE KING* will improve your bridge as it proves that there's so much more to the game than just playing cards. **REVIEW:** A book for bridge buffs. This is a book for bridge players...if you do play bridge - especially if you are one of those who assemble once or twice a week in Vineyard Haven or Edgartown to see who can squeeze the most points out of the same 24 or 27 bridge hands - you will find *The Jack Who Would Be King* very entertaining. ...the hands Jim has selected are interesting and instructive to beginning and intermediate players. ...the imaginary hand played against Easley Blackwood and Oswald Jacoby [and] Jim's fantasy partner...is a delightful surprise, and the contrived hand they play will bring a smile to all bridge players. - *The Martha's Vineyard Times*, February 2005.

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