

Mary Lou's list of Classic Bridge Books

Most of these books have been around for years but they are still worth reading. Most of them can be purchased or are available at Allen County Public Library.

The Official ACBL Encyclopedia of Bridge 7th Edition edited by Brent Manley.

It is the most complete volume of bridge information and instruction ever compiled.

Five Weeks to Winning Bridge by Alfred Sheinwold.

This classic is for beginners and has taught millions to play. It is the very first bridge book that I read and the same is true of many players. It teaches 4-card majors but the principles are easily adapted to a 5-card major system.

Bid Better Play Better by Dorothy Truscott.

Winning advice on bidding and play for the intermediate player based on 5 card major openings. Standard American methods with very simple logic and natural bidding.

Why You Lose at Bridge by S. J. Simon

Win more consistently with the skill you already possess by following this simple advice. A wealth of common sense, philosophy, and tips on how to attain the best results possible.

Classic Play of the Hand by Louis Watson.

This book is regarded as the classic exposition of playing strategy.

Modern Bridge Defense by Edwin Kantar.

The book covers the basic concepts of bridge defense and is a standard reference work and teaching tool. The topics covered include leads, signaling, second and third-hand play, and discarding.

Double! By Mike Lawrence.

It covers all kinds of doubles, ranging from penalty doubles to Support Doubles to some old favorites like negative doubles, with a section on redoubles.

Two Over One Game Force Revised and Expanded by Max Hardy.

The Most Popular Bidding Style Today.

A thorough explanation of opening bids and responses, plus competitive bidding and useful gadgets. Recommended for intermediate through expert.

Bridge in the Menagerie by Victor Mollo.

The stories in this book were originally published in the 1960s in Bridge Magazine and The Bridge World. Everyone can relate to the characters (the Hideous Hog, the Rueful Rabbit, Oscar the Owl, and the rest). The bridge hands are brilliant, and the stories themselves hilarious. This is the book against which all subsequent attempts at bridge humor are measured.

Card Play Fundamentals by Easley Blackwood & Keith Hanson

Designed to help you improve your declarer play and defensive techniques. How to develop extra tricks, planning your contract, basic card combinations and much more.