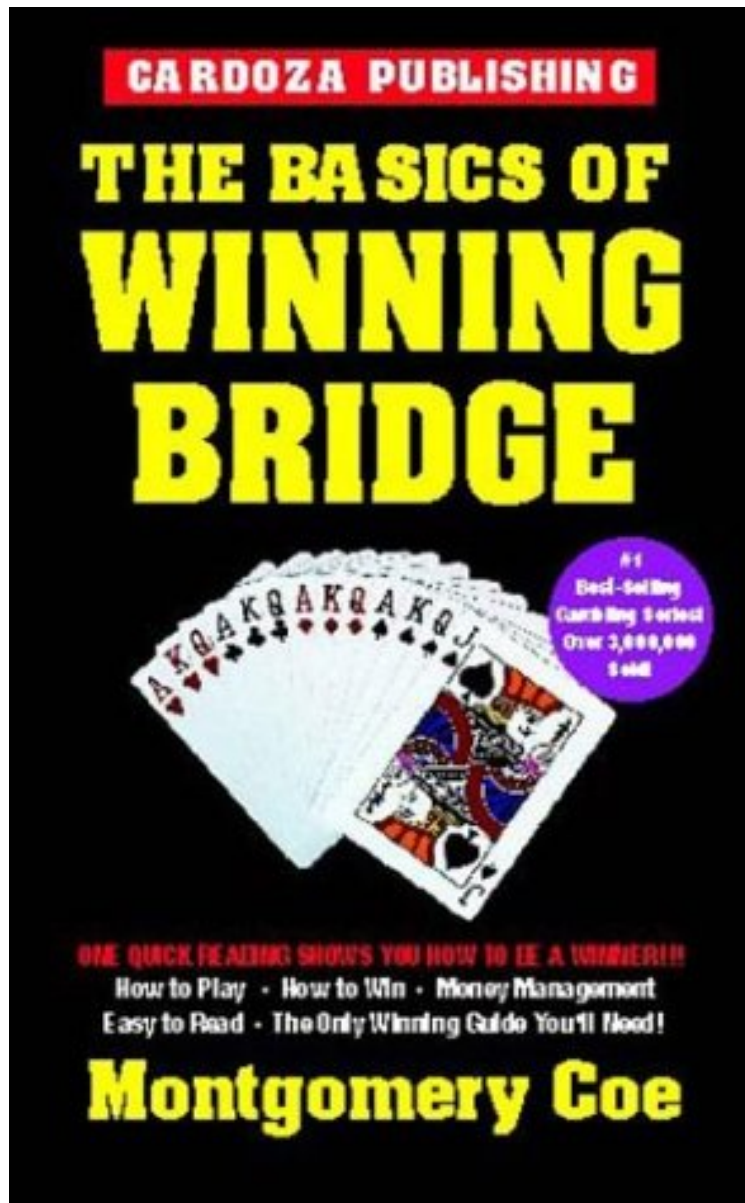


## Basics Of Winning Bridge

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**Montgomery Coe : Basics Of Winning Bridge** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Basics Of Winning Bridge:

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By Paul-John Ramos  
An estimated 200 million people worldwide participate in the game of contract bridge, which shows that diligence hasn't left us yet. More than a century in its evolution, bridge is an immensely challenging game that requires memorization and recall, cooperation with others, and the ability to plan ahead. In its fully appreciated form, it can be a source of peaceful competition and entertainment at little or no monetary cost. Bridge may have even more enthusiasts if not for the daunting rules and techniques that pose as a barrier. Making oneself into a fully functioning player - let alone a good one - requires study and practice that many in this era of short attention spans will find taxing. This is worsened by teachers of the game who swamp newcomers with too much information at once instead of easing them in gradually. One way to hold the interest of newcomers is by keeping things simple, at least when explaining the rules and fundamentals. The Las Vegas-based Cardoza Publishing seems to have understood this when releasing Montgomery Coe's 'The Basics of Winning Bridge' as part of its widely-circulated titles list. 'The Basics of Winning Bridge' is something of a blue-collar approach to this complex game, offering an extremely basic primer in just 61 pages. This pocket-sized book outlines the basics of contract bridge for those who are completely new to the game. Covering bridge in short chapters with limited examples, Coe first describes setup, basics of bidding, and scoring. The book goes on to explain player evaluation of a bridge hand, opening bids, responses, and identification of game and slam situations. Other skills such as preempts, overcalls, doubles, and the playing out of hands are briefly discussed. The aim of Coe's book is apparent when first pulling it from a shelf: it is a tutorial that will help you to get started. It uses simple language and doesn't concern itself with strategy, which will be up to the reader as he continues on his bridge journey. For anyone looking to slip his feet into the waters of bridge, this Cardoza title fulfills its limited purpose. Its most glaring problem lies, however, in a lack of advice on how to continue. 'The Basics of Winning Bridge' wraps up with some naive instructions: we're told to 'study this book and practice,' as if this wafer-thin item will be enough for us to become the next world champion. Surely, Coe and the staff at Cardoza didn't believe this when their title went to print. If you are interested in bridge, you're probably aware that becoming a successful player requires work, albeit very rewarding work. After reading a basic title such as this one, it would be in your interest to keep reading, find a class, and download a computer program that allows you to learn hands-on. If you would like to start thinking and speaking on bridge terms in the meantime, this cheaply-priced Cardoza title is not a terrible first step. I have seen the Cardoza gaming series at many bookstores in addition to the Internet. 'The Basics of Winning Bridge' is printed in softcover and retailed at \$4.95. While not highly recommended, 'The Basics of Winning Bridge' is affordable, simplified, and finished in no time. Cardoza Publishing also prints 'Basics of Winning' books on other forms of gaming, including blackjack, poker, craps, keno, chess, and backgammon.

0 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Stay away!

By Prasad Upasani  
I will eat my hat if the author is even a life-master! This book will disgust expert bridge players, and confuse the heck out of beginners. This is a hodge-podge of bidding techniques left over from 4-card major days. If someone actually learns bridge from here, they will pick up really bad techniques and "losing" bridge. I doubt the author himself understands the subject very well. Stay away!!!

This easy-to-read primer shows, step by step, all the information needed for beginning players to sit down and play bridge in just one quick and easy reading. From going over the rules of play, correct bidding techniques and scoring standards, to an in-depth look at opening bids and responses, players learn how to make bridge a more fun and challenging game. An estimated 70 million people play the game either socially or in tournaments held regularly in small towns and larger cities. (Outside of chess, there is no other non-athletic game with as many players.) Examples and sample hands are provided throughout so that players get immediately comfortable with the game. Montgomery Coe is a well respected bridge teacher who has introduced hundreds of thousands of players to the game of bridge.