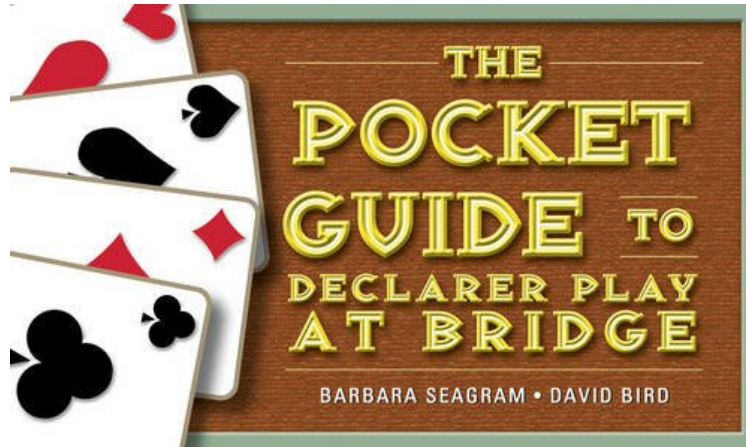


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Barbara Seagram, David Bird : The Pocket Guide to Declarer Play at Bridge before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Pocket Guide to Declarer Play at Bridge:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Sorry I purchased The Pocket Guide to Declarer Play At Bridge and also The Pocket Guide to Defensive Play At BridgeBy Ruth Ann BockHer manner of explaining kept me wondering and confused. I am a retired teacher and found this book difficult to understand due to the way it explained everything. I was constantly looking back and rereading and highlighting to see if I could figure out the moves she was attempting to explain. I was very disappointed with this booklet and gave up on it after struggling through just a few pages. I started taking bridge lessons several months ago and have played weekly with other members of the class. I find Audrey Grant's booklet "Bridge At A Glance" extremely helpful. We used the ACBL Bridge Series book, "Bidding", which I'd also recommend along with others in this series, (Play of the Hand, Defense, Commonly Used Conventions, and More Commonly Used Conventions). Harry Lampert's book, "The Fun Way to Serious Bridge" is great because it explains starting with the very basics and continues with many other topics. It has a well organized Table of Contents. What I especially like about this book is that it explains visually using illustrations and charts throughout. I am a visual learner so this appealed to me. The expert player who recommended this book to me said she has used it as a gift for others because it is cleverly illustrated with cartoon-like figures in amusing ways. I usually do not like the books "For Dummies" but the "Bridge for Dummies" by Eddie Kantar is excellent. It has a very well organized Table of Contents and also a 17 page index. One of my favorite books on Bridge is called, "Watson's Classic Book On the Play of the Hand at Bridge." It is old (original copyright 1934) but has a very detailed index. I also like the way he ends each section with a summary of the important information covered. The thing I like so much about the Louis H. Watson book (new edition enlarged and modernized by Sam Fry Jr.) is the WAY he explains the concept he is teaching. He presents the information in a manner that is very easily understood.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great for Reminders and Review, Lousy for Initially Learning BridgeBy sealfrogBarbara Seagram's Pocket Guides provide great summaries for review and relearning. I agree with the one star reviewer that they are lousy for first time learning of the concepts, and she usefully provides a list of the best books for learning bridge. Often, just before I play, I use a pocket guide for a few minutes to remind myself of strategies. Also, they are useful before playing with a new partner - you look at the guide together asking each other, "Do you do this?, do you do that...?" The small size and

flexible covers allow me to take them with me to bridge. A quick pregame scan of the condensed material allows this advanced beginner to play with confidence. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Best guide By Ginger Barbara has a way of summarizing the key elements in bridge with fine examples and just the right amt. of words. A good thing to keep in your purse when first starting out in bridge.

Using the same format as 'The Pocket Guide to Bridge', this book provides a handy pocket summary of about two dozen basic concepts in declarer play.

About the Author Barbara Seagram is a best-selling, award-winning bridge author with more than 250,000 books in print. Her *25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know* (Master Point Press; ISBN 978 189415 407 9) is the bestselling bridge book of the last fifty years. David Bird is the bridge correspondent of the London Evening Standard and one of Britain's best-known bridge writers.