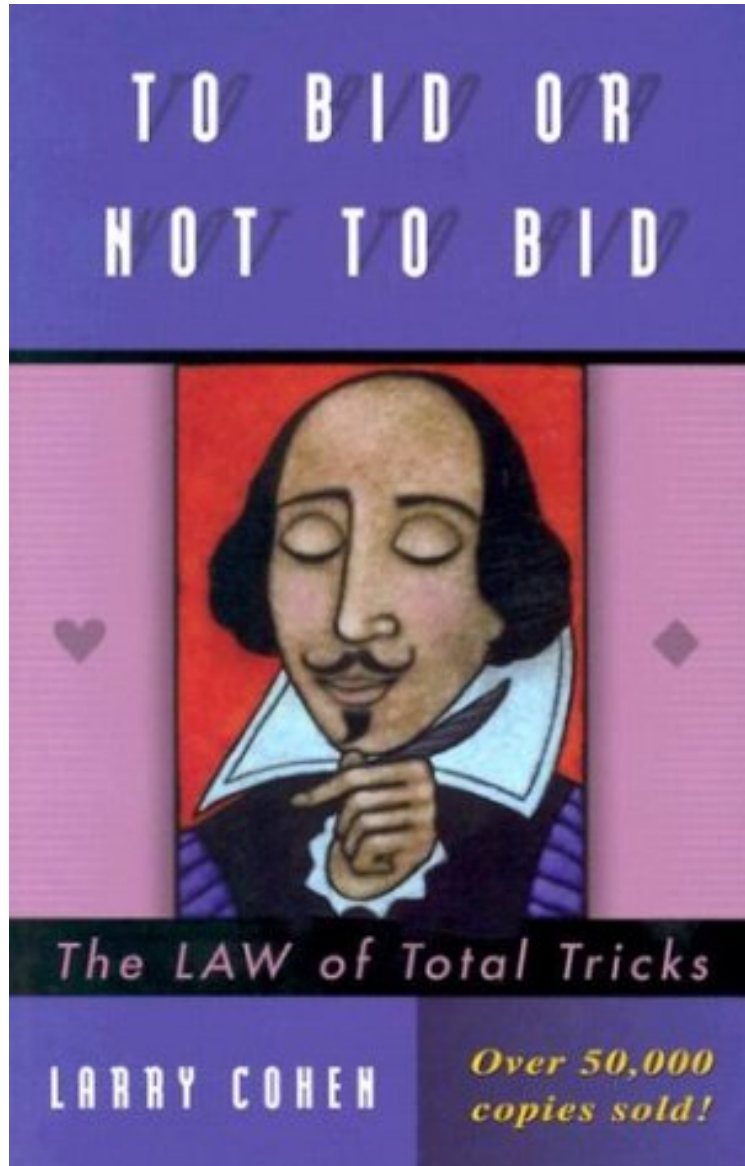


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How many times have you overcalled at the 3 level only to go down 1, when you could have got them down 1 by passing? Or vice versa? For example, if you and your partner have 9 trumps and favorable vulnerability you can bid at the 3 level fearlessly. Even if you do go down, you'll likely lose less than if you had simply passed! Consequently, I am refining my bidding system to help the partnership count total trumps and especially to distinguish between 3 and 4 card support. The book will be useful to duplicate players at the club and tournament levels and for people wanting to bid more competitively. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Perhaps my game is better in competitive situations than before  
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Cohen is one of the best-known writers in this field.