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FALSECARDS

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“THE MOST EFFECTIVE FALSECARDS ARE NOT THE BIG, BRAZEN ONES. THEY ARE THE SUBTLE ONES WHERE YOU PLAY A TWO INSTEAD OF A FOUR. OR A SIX INSTEAD OF A THREE.” — MIKE LAWRENCE

This is the definitive book on (legally) pulling the wool over your opponents' eyes at the bridge table. Even if you don't want to get into some of the more esoteric situations, there are times when playing a misleading card is essential if you are to have any chance of an optimum result. *Falsecards* was first published in 1986, and this updated edition includes many new ideas in an area where there is remarkably little literature.

“My advice to readers is to buy a copy of Falsecards: whatever your standard, you will learn from it. And while you are at it, get several other Mike Lawrence books — you won't regret it.”

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