

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a playing card. The card is white with a blue and purple gradient. In the background, several other playing cards are visible, some held by another hand. The background is a dark green color.

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POSITIVE DECLARER PLAY

at bridge

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ALMOST ALL BRIDGE PLAYERS are confident that they can play the dummy well and consider that defending presents a greater challenge. However, most defensive problems consist of only a single play, while declarer, seeing two hands in partnership, normally has the chance to form a long-range plan. In that sense, problems for declarer can be more instructive than those for the defenders. Some of the problems in this book are quite difficult, which is as it should be: there is no easy path to success at this game. But the reader who is prepared to make a small effort will be rewarded with a real understanding of what planning a hand as declarer is all about.

TERENCE REESE, who died in 1996, held center stage in the bridge world as a player for more than forty years. He is also generally regarded as the greatest bridge writer of his generation, and many of his books are landmarks in the development and understanding of the game.



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