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# READING THE CARDS

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The **Bridge Technique Series** is designed to take the reader through the most important aspects of card-play technique at bridge. Each book of the series focuses on a different topic, and wherever possible, the tactics and strategy are considered from the point of view of both declarer and defenders.

## READING THE CARDS

This book covers the art of being a bridge detective. Whether declaring or defending, it is vital to use all the information available to you. Here you will learn to gather clues from what the opponents have bid and what they have not bid, from their leads and plays, and from their defensive signals. More importantly, you will learn to use this information to take more tricks.

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