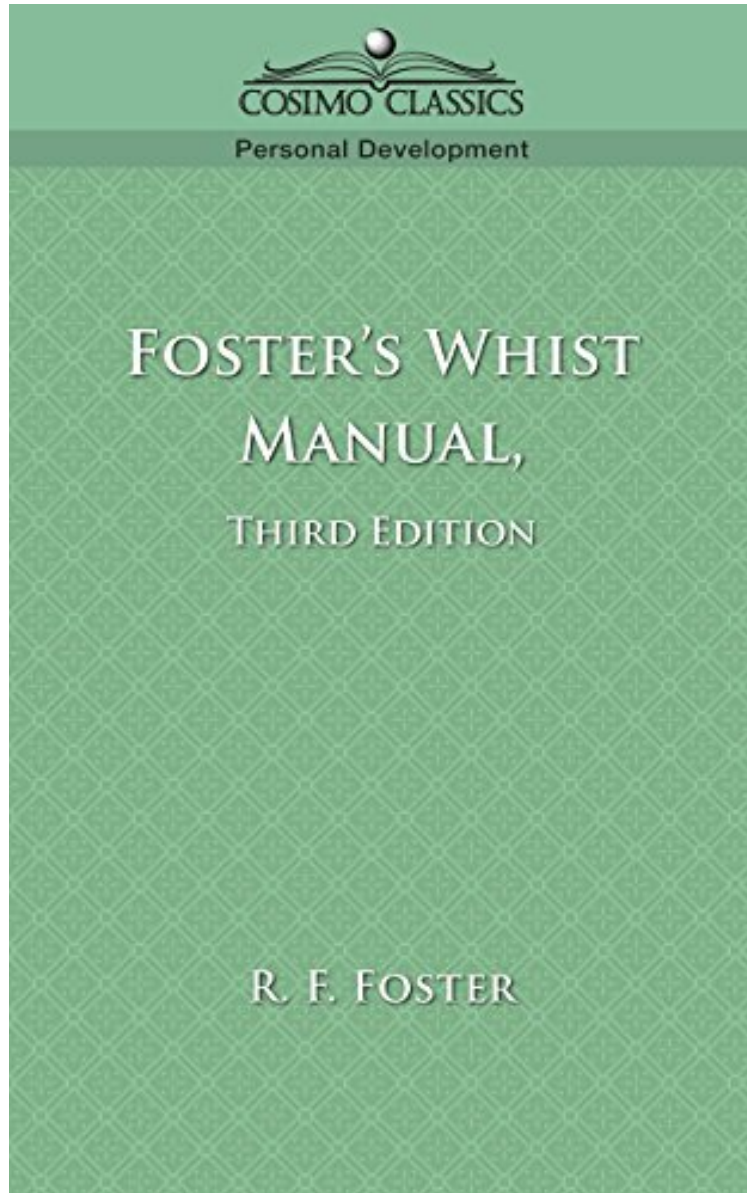


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Charmingly dogmaticBy James M. RawleyThis is an excellent introduction to whist strategy (you have to know the rules already).Whist is Bridge without bidding or a dummy; trumps are selected by turning up the last card, which is by definition the trump suit, and goes into the dealer's hand

after the first trick (it can be played to the first trick instead). So a lot of the game is deducing what the other hands hold. Foster shows amazing ways you can deduce the other players' cards in a particular suit after as little as one lead. Of course this involves rules for what cards to lead from particular combinations, and the first chapters are all about that. Foster is charmingly dogmatic, almost rough on the reader: "I trust it is no longer necessary for me to remind you that if you read this book without the cards in your hand, you are simply wasting your time." "You may think this [recommended play] is foolish; it is WHIST!" Great fun, and Foster says his leading conventions tested out as superior to "Cavendish"s; Cavendish was the other expert in the field, a pen name for a team of experts. There is at least one web site where people play Whist against live opponents. It's easy to find, centered in England. If you can master this book, you could probably play there.

Whist was a wildly popular card game in the late 19th century--so popular that it was almost one's social duty to become an accomplished Whist player. Among the most reliable authorities and instructors was R.F. Foster, who developed a complete hands-on system for learning the game and becoming a first-class player. Those who follow his system can become expert in leading, playing the second hand, developing strategies, seeing signals, and using trumps. Also included are the Laws of Whist as adopted at the Third American Whist Congress in 1893, the Laws of Duplicate Whist, and the Etiquette of Whist. "No book has won more popularity among the Whist-loving community than Foster's Whist Manual." -- Boston Herald, April 1894 "[Foster's] method of teaching the beginner is simple, lucid, and progressive, and his rules concise, yet clear. Not only beginners, but also advanced players might profitably enter upon his studies." - The Milwaukee Whist Club

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