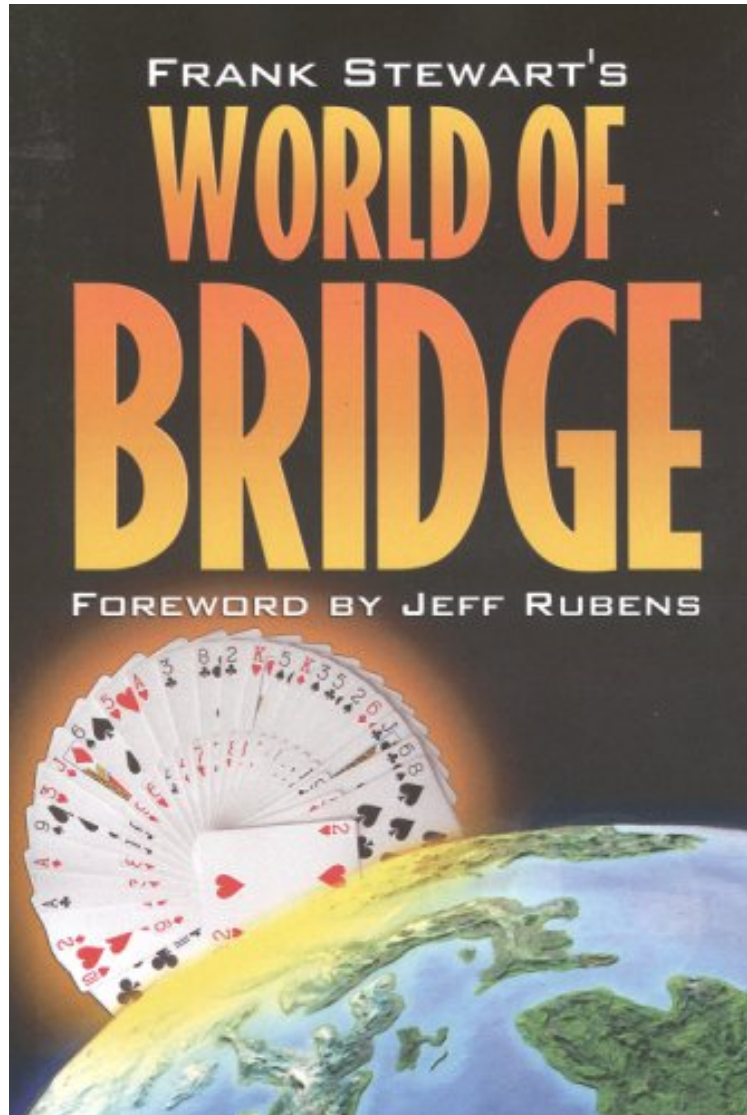


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**Frank Stewart : Frank Stewart's World Of Bridge** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Frank Stewart's World Of Bridge:

6 of 7 people found the following review helpful. One great chapter, then reactionary - fizzles out By J. Huntington Had high hopes for this after reading the Bridge World review, which named his opinions on what's happened in the ACBL in the past 20 years, along with memories of several of his previous books which I liked. Stewart indeed has cogent things on these points (standard of play has declined, more professionalism in tournaments, many more foreign experts in major US events, bidding has replaced judgment), and a few more, generally spot-on commentary I haven't seen in

the literature before. However, that chapter runs twelve pages, leaving 251 more. In the rest, Stewart has some good things about discipline, otherwise it falls short. The play narratives almost all of which on the theme of reconstructing opponent's hands were good until the pattern became obvious. The Mollo-esque character vignettes just plain didn't work for me. But the worst were his bidding-style opinions. How can high card points (though he cloaks that by calling them "values") have such a stranglehold on the evaluation and judgment facilities of such a good player? How can single possible bad results influence his thinking so much? How can he pass off issues with partnership agreements, specifically those on whether fast arrival shows a minimum, as problems inherent to 2/1? If this is how the expert mind really functions, the standard of play has worsened at the top as well as in the middle. If this is NOT how the expert mind works, than it is seriously misleading to claim to advancing, literarily-impressionable players, that it does. In all, the first chapter may be worth half the purchase price. I'm not sure, though, that even for Stewart fans, such as I was before this debacle, the other half is there. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Entertaining, instructive By Peter Tracy I found 'World of Bridge' a fun read. Frank Stewart's thoughts, judgments, and recollections make for good entertainment. The book is not the traditional 'how to' but rather sample hands covering bidding and play as he remembers hands from his past and present. Overall, I feel I'm a better player having read World of Bridge. 1 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Good but not great about the Bridge World By MCLI love this book, although Frank doesn't say as much about the World of Bridge as I was hoping to get.

Some of Frank Stewart's opinions about the current state of bridge: The standard of play has declined. There's been an explosion of professionalism in tournaments. An influx of foreign experts is dominating U.S. tournaments. In Bidding, system is supplanting judgement.

About the Author Frank Stewart is one of the world's most prolific journalists. He won many tournament events but discontinued play to devote full time to writing. Stewart served as co-editor of The Bridge BULLETIN 1984-1989 and continues to contribute through the instructional column he began in 1981. He edited the ACBL's World Championship books 1983-1987 and was a principle contributor 1986-1989. Stewart's column "Daily Bridge Club" appears in hundreds of newspapers and on major internet sites.