

**THE BRIDGE BOOK:  
PRACTICAL TALKS  
ABOUT BRIDGE**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649257027

The bridge book: practical talks about bridge by Archibald Dunn

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.  
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

[www.triestepublishing.com](http://www.triestepublishing.com)

**ARCHIBALD DUNN**

**THE BRIDGE BOOK:  
PRACTICAL TALKS  
ABOUT BRIDGE**



**THE BRIDGE BOOK**

# THE BRIDGE BOOK

PRACTICAL TALKS ABOUT BRIDGE

BY

ARCHIBALD DUNN

*Author of "Bridge and How to play it," "New Ideas on  
Bridges," "The Way of Cain," etc.*



LONDON

GEORGE ROUTLEDGE AND SONS, LTD

BROADWAY HOUSE, LUDGATE HILL.

GV  
1281  
D86  
1902

To my friend  
Ralph Lambton  
A Souvenir  
of  
Many pleasant Bridge-Evenings.

## PREFACE

THE game of Bridge has, like other things in the world, been marching with the times; the methods of yesterday are, in many respects, not quite the methods of to-day.

It is only a few short years since Bridge appeared as a stranger in England, and, though we opened our arms and welcomed the newcomer, it remained nevertheless a stranger for very, very long. We knew little of its science; we needed time for its evolution. Things, however, have begun to shape themselves at last; fallacies, which passed unchallenged before, have now been detected; the possibilities of the no-trump declaration and of the judicious use of the "double" are appreciated and understood; the advantages resulting from defensive play are admitted; the principle of opening a long suit in preference to a short one is accepted, and so on. In fact, we may now fairly say that the game is "in order."

My endeavour, then, will be to lay before the reader the system which, after these years of experience, has proved itself to be the best—that



is to say, the system which is most likely to conduce to his own success. In doing this, I have given the reasons for and against the different suggestions that are advanced, and no effort has been spared to make the treatise complete in every branch of the game.

Certain portions of this book have already appeared serially in "The King" (England) and in "The New York Commercial Advertiser" (America). These portions have been re-cast—indeed, almost re-written—with a view to adapting them to volume form, but nevertheless my thanks are due to the editors of those periodicals for their courteous permission to use the subject matter.

ARCHIBALD DUNN.

*November, 1902.*

## CONTENTS

	<i>Page</i>
HISTORICAL . . . . .	1
DESCRIPTION OF THE GAME . . . . .	3
SCORING TABLE . . . . .	14
THE RULES . . . . .	15
INDEX TO RULES . . . . .	35
THE DECLARATION . . . . .	36
DOUBLING . . . . .	84
RE-DOUBLING . . . . .	95
THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CARDS . . . . .	101
SYNOPSIS OF LEADS . . . . .	137
GENERAL ADVICE . . . . .	145
BRIDGE STRATAGEMS . . . . .	174
ON DRAWING INFERENCES . . . . .	202
INDEX . . . . .	225

# THE BRIDGE BOOK

## HISTORICAL

THERE is little known about the history of the game. From all accounts, it originated in the East, found its way to France, then to America, and finally to England some eight or ten years ago.

It is usually spoken of as an "Offshoot of Whist." That may, or may not, be true; but certainly, in its present form, the description might be counted correct, for the whole tendency of Bridge development has been to bring it nearer and nearer to the older game. The great guiding principles of Whist, though somewhat altered to suit their new surroundings, have been to all intents and purposes adopted; for a system of signalling and for many conventions Bridge is indebted to Whist; and, with certain modifications, Bridge "leads" and Whist "leads" are identical.

Yet, though the resemblance is striking, the games are essentially different. The voluntary selection of a trump suit, the control that selec-