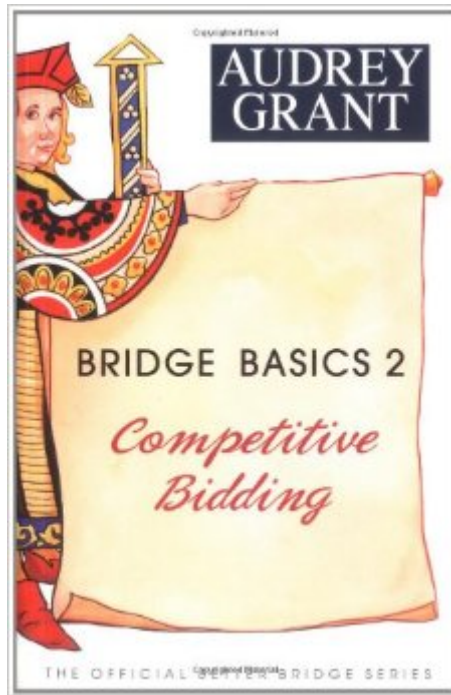


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# Bridge Basics 2: Competitive Bidding



## Synopsis

Covers the concepts needed when both sides are bidding for the contract. It introduces preemptive opening bids, overcalls and takeout doubles.

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## Customer Reviews

The field of bridge is full of wise old savants and we should listen to them and read their work. But if anyone is entitled to carry the bridge banner into the 21st Century, it must be Audrey Grant. Her BRIDGE BASICS 1, pre-requisite for this book, is good and sound -- and believe it or not, she spends a fair amount of time on telling people when NOT to bid. Newbies have to know that. And in this one, BRIDGE BASICS 2: COMPETITIVE BIDDING, Grant still teaches us kindly when not to bid. Under her system you might indeed miss a part-score once in a while; but once you've got a good hand and some rapport with partner -- or are in a position to torment your opponents -- this is a full-speed-ahead, friendly and very informative bridge book. The best bridge books struggle to impart wisdom, or perhaps better said informed judgment, instead of limiting themselves to "the rules," and this one is very good for that. I can heartily recommend BRIDGE BASICS 2: to anyone who loves to play bridge, whether the at-home type or the duplicate club type. I wish there were more up-to-date books like this. Perhaps in the not-too-distant future Ms. Grant will put her BRIDGE BASICS series into an omnibus volume.

I learned a lot from this book; there is much information to be studied and digested. It is especially helpful for those who have been away from playing duplicate for a while. The title of the book, Competitive Bidding, says it all.

Audrey Grant taught an old dog like me a few new tricks with this book. She explains when and why to enter a preemptive bid at both the two and three level, and reasonable responses to these bids. This are things that I have done for years. But now I understand the when and why a lot better. Reading this book will make an experienced bridge player a better bridge player. Really useful book.

This excellent bridge book is part of Audrey Grant's Better Bridge Series. I have read many of Audrey's instructive books and find them to be very easy to understand and presented in a sequential order. I use these as "my bridge bible". I read through this book once, and have reread each chapter a number of times, reading the summary and doing the "quiz" at the end of each chapter so that I really get the concepts and use them in real games. This particular book focuses on competitive bidding (in other words when your opponents have entered the auction and it is your turn to bid). It was the first book that I've read on bridge that explains in detail the four roles that are played at the bridge table - Opener, Overcaller, Responder, Advancer. I had never looked at each of these roles before and how they impact your bidding. I keep this book on my shelf and refer to it often as my husband and I are working on improving our bridge game. Highly recommended! Diana Young- World Traveler - currently sailing in the South Pacific for six months and #1 Best-selling author of Financial Fitness for Beginners.

We bought this book for a newly formed bridge club - we have two veteran players, two beginners, and two novice-intermediate players. This book has been great to get the beginners up to speed quickly and to be able to engage in basic play with all members of our little club. We bought her companion "cheat sheet" as well (bridge at a glance), which helps in the heat of play if we've forgotten something. It has given us the basics for all of our players to improve their play and learn more advanced skills.

I liked this book, and it is worth having, but I'm a fairly experienced bridge player, so I guess I didn't need it so much for party bridge. I think it is a "must have" book for someone who is interested in duplicate bridge.

Great book, but written with duplicate bridge players in mind. Not for the beginner, possibly more for the intermediate. I loved this series more than her 4 book original ones. Those are better suited for the beginner.

Very well written guide to thinking about and communicating information in a competitive auction. I like the organization of the book....but more conversions need to be included...so maybe in the next book.

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