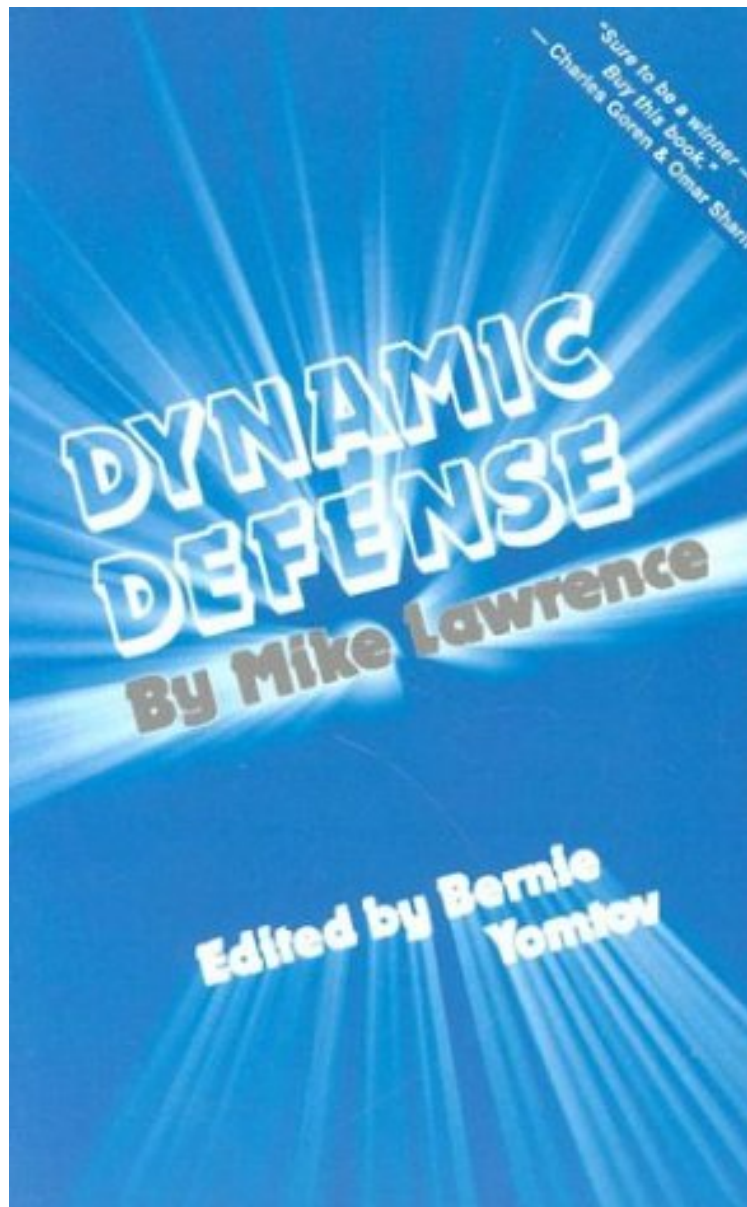


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very well be his best effort. The book shines largely because of the unusual way that the content is presented. Some books on card play introduce topics or thematic ideas and then present illustrative example deals to hammer home the point and provide a sense of the variations on that theme. Other books present a deal, tell you about the early play, and then stop you and ask you what you would do - unrealistically alerting you that it is time to think and perform. But this book is different in that the author describes his thoughts at each trick and explains the reasons for the choices he makes as the deal unfolds. Then, after the deal has been presented, the author provides additional analyses and key learnings from the deal. Because of this approach, the reader witnesses how a top player thinks in the heat of battle - the kinds of things he/she thinks about, the processes and routines in which he/she engages. Not just how he/she counts distributions, but when. Not just how he/she counts honor values, but when. There are no artificial flashpoints. No warning that something needs to be done or the critical juncture of the deal has been reached. But there is plenty of exposure to how an expert checks and double checks assumptions and considers risk/reward in choosing a plan of attack. One of the most important points Lawrence reveals as he shares his thoughts is that it frequently is not necessary to get busy or aggressive on defense - that if defenders just leave declarer to his/her own devices, it may work to the advantage of the defense. He does this by constantly considering the questions, "Can it cost to break/lead this suit?" and "Is it necessary to break this suit in order to get all the tricks to which the defense is entitled?" My only complaint is that I hungered for more. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Get Ready to Improve Your Game! By Avid Reader Mike Lawrence never disappoints!. This book engages the reader by using a format that is both readable and entertaining. Often books on defense are dry, but Lawrence lets the reader in on his thought process as he decides on his plan of play very early in the game. He reminds the reader of all the clues the opponents have given through their bidding or lack of bidding, their lead and their subsequent plays (plus any clues his own partner gives.) Based on these clues, a defensive player can devise a strategy that will allow his side to take advantage of possible ways to set the offense. Highly recommend for late beginners and intermediate players. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Carolyn Henderson Love learning new ways to defend. This book has really improved my game.

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