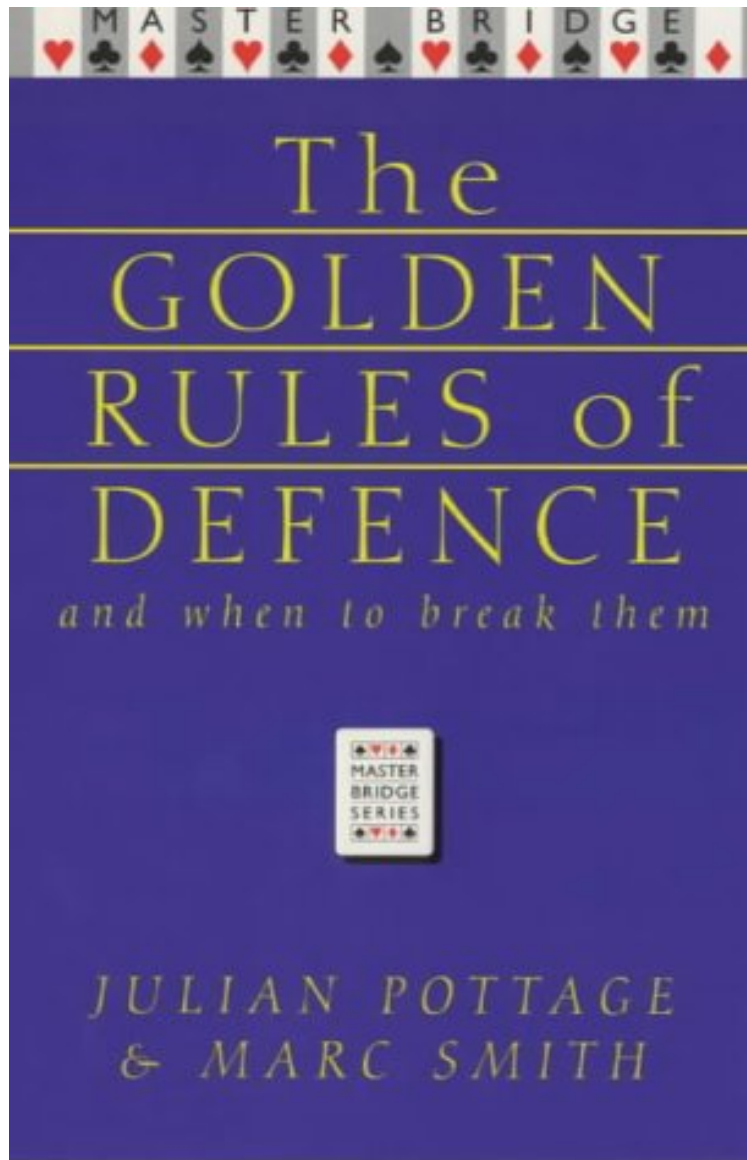


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The 'rules' in defence at bridge are designed to help players remember which defensive techniques to use. By mastering the rules in this book players will be infinitely better prepared to solve problems at the bridge table. Each of the fifteen golden rules is given a chapter to itself and all are illustrated with numerous example hands. At the end of the chapter the points made are summarised so players can see the advantages both in following the rule and in not following it. This is an exciting and intelligent way of building up a sound knowledge of defensive play and improving your game generally.

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