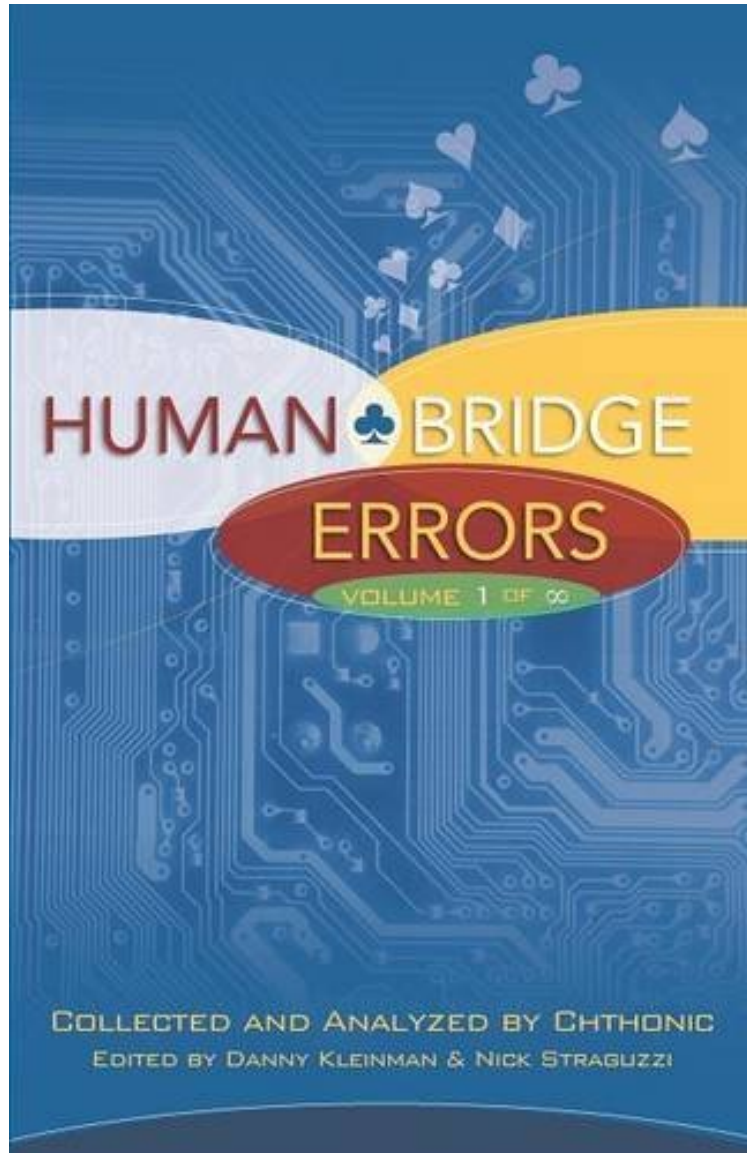


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Chthonic : Human Bridge Errors: Volume 1 of Infinity before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Human Bridge Errors: Volume 1 of Infinity:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Chthonic strikes againBy William M. BegertA hybrid of humorous bridge fiction and critical theory of the various aspects of the game, "Human Bridge Errors" is "authored" by the snide and superior bridge-playing computer Chthonic. To make his contempt for humanity plain, Chthonic usually chooses to speak in the voice of George Sanders. Here he offers a variety of insights, most of which are illuminated by world-

weary tales of his own bridge play (Chthonic's laments over the purgatorial qualities of play at the local club are especially hilarious). For those who enjoyed "The Principle of Restricted Talent" - Kleinman Straguzzi's anthology of Chthonic stories from "The Bridge World" magazine - this book will be a mixed blessing since the focus is off strict entertainment and on helping players improve their game. However, unlike a lot of bridge textbooks, the ingenuity of "Human Bridge Errors" authorial conceit makes it a true pleasure to read from beginning to end. Its advice is sound, thoughtful, and wonderfully delivered within Chthonic's singularly sneering, anti-humanist worldview. 4 of 10 people found the following review helpful. Chthonic's uncensored criticism on human bridge. By P. C. Groot. Not as good as its predecessor, but funny and informative. I just love reading Chthonic's view of the human race.

Chthonic, the bridge-playing computer is back! This time he is attempting to teach humans a little about the game of bridge - not in order to turn them into competent players, because he knows that is impossible. But he thinks he may be able to get the reader to the point where his mobile phone won't laugh at him behind his back (it does, you know). Each chapter of this wickedly funny book highlights a different 'human bridge error', and points out why and how it should be avoided. Chthonic, the irascible bridge-playing computer, modestly describes himself as the world's best bridge player. Danny Kleinman, Danny Kleinman of Los Angeles is a prolific bridge writer, theorist, professional player, and teacher, who is a regular contributor to several bridge magazines. He is a Contributing Editor of The Bridge World, and is one of the moderators of 'The Master Solvers' Club' in that magazine. He also writes about backgammon, another game which he plays at an expert level. Nick Straguzzi, Nick Straguzzi of Mullica Hill, NJ, is a software analyst specializing in artificial intelligence and knowledge management. Nick has researched ways in which computer game theory could be applied to bridge, but concluded that it would be far easier to write about a perfect bridge-playing computer than to actually build one.