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Cup, the world championship of women's bridge. However, Ms. Auken includes much more than those fateful sixteen hands. She writes glowingly about the game at the highest level and she isn't afraid to take on controversial issues such as gender in bridge and whether bidding methods should be restricted. A reader might wonder, for instance, why there is a women's world championship. Shouldn't the champions simply be the best, women, men or whomever? She addresses that and the related fact that some people want to exclude women from open events. She spends a lot of time commenting warmly about her partners, teammates, opponents, some of the big stars of the game, even a former husband or two. And she shows clearly that she has a life outside of the game. The bridge hands she gives us tend somewhat more to the "ooh, shiney" than to practical instruction but one can still learn a lot from them. She takes sides here also. In favor of the active, the aggressive, the disruptive and she makes a good case for them all. Finally, there is the issue of her writing. At one time I really loved well-written nonfiction. I am mainly a reader of novels but I can remember reading McPhee's book Oranges and marveling at how much I enjoyed a book on such a mundane subject. Even though I am very interested in the game, this book gave me some of the same pleasure. It is no wonder people really like and admire this adorable person. And they will adore her book too. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This book is a gem By M. L. Graham Besides comments on the comeback against the French team, there are MANY hints on how to do better in bridge contests. Sabine reveals many of the unusual agreements that are part of her system. One example is a table of opening leads against no trump contracts that looks better than the standard advice. Check it out on page 74. Get the book and read and enjoy it. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great read By bob Any tournament bridge player will really enjoy this book. Sabine recounts some of the more memorable hands in her 2001 Venice Cup come-from-behind victory.

In the November 2001 Venice Cup final, Germany trailed France by 47 IMPs starting the last set. In this book, world champion Sabine Auken tells the thrilling inside story of their comeback world title win, every bid and every card. She also uses each of the sixteen deals from that final session as a starting point for discussion, and distills from each of them general principles and advice that will help anyone looking to improve their own game. Among the topics covered here are the rationale for her own system agreements (the pros and cons of mini-notrump openings, multi-purpose two-bids, the merits of forcing club systems, etc.) and carding methods, as well as team chemistry, table presence and even dressing for success!

About the Author Sabine Auken lives in Denmark but still represents her native Germany in world competition. The world's No.1-ranked woman player for several years, she has won 2 world titles and been a medalist on six other occasions. When she began playing in the USA in 1989, she set a record by becoming an ACBL Life Master in only 6 weeks. * This is a unique book from one of the world's best bridge players. * This is the author's first book for more than ten years.