

Standard Bidding with Sayc

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Ned Downey, Ellen Pomer : Standard Bidding with Sayc before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Standard Bidding with Sayc:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Clear, Precise, and Overwhelming By JSClear, precise, the detail is what I wanted, BUT is quickly overwhelming to the point that you have to stop reading. I understand that this book is setting the standard for ACBL, but it is Not for the beginner-beginner., where Audrey Grant's books are, even though they lack this detail, you at least feel you are making some progress. This book contains on going references to things

that you need experience to understand, but is NOT like so many of those other convoluted arcane deliberately obtuse books written by so many professionals. I wanted it for it's bidding guidelines which it clearly presents. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Sadly frustrating and disappointing

By Goska
For a book with "Newcomer/Intermediate" emblazoned on the rear cover, this book is sorely lacking a glossary. Be prepared to use the internet while reading because the book will throw terms at you without any explanation or definition. For instance, on page 16 they use the terms LHO, RHO and DONT without any explanation, ever. Of course, LHO and RHO were guessable, reinforced by the context in many later usages, but DONT required the internet. Further, terms like "up-the-line" and "cue bid" are only defined after having been used frequently in previous chapters. Chapter 12 on "Overcalls" is the worst offender, no definition is given as to what exactly constitutes an overcall and you read the whole chapter about how to use them but you don't understand what they are (basic definition) even when you get to the end of chapter summary (usually, a good place to go to understand a lot of the chapter when they fail to mention purpose, rough rules, or definitions in the chapter, or it is very scattered throughout the chapter). So many bridge terms seem like they are understandable English words, but are misleading. When you read about a one-suit hand, you say to yourself, "This cannot mean a hand of 13 cards of the same suit because that will never happen, so what do they mean?" Even a term as simple as "open" (having played bridge for many years, I thought I understood what that meant) is questionable when the book uses the phrase, "the declarer re-opens the bidding". I think they might be making a sloppy attempt to say the "opener rebids" but once again maybe you can re-open the bidding after it has been opened already. For a system that is supposed to be used with online bridge playing or used with partners who have just met, SAYC seems, from this book, to be fraught with ambiguity and lack of clear definition. There must be a better book about SAYC out there somewhere.

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Easy to read yet extensive information

By Richard Osborne
This book gives you a readable and complete explanation of the ACBL Standard Yellow Card bidding sequences. I started out by downloading (for free) and studying yellow card from the [...] website but soon grew weary being tied to the computer so I purchased this book. The book gives you portability and immediate access to a particular topic. The book makes it easier to skim subjects you already know well and bore in where you need to. The book is well organized and its Table of Contents makes it easier to refer back to brush up on a selected bidding sequence. There are nineteen chapters on bidding, which cover every situation that I expect to encounter and taught me about several new bidding sequences, e.g., Michaels and the Unusual Notrump, that have proved to be very useful during play. The twentieth chapter is an excellent refresher on standards leads.

Standard American Yellow Card or SAYC is described and explained in this book. This book aids anyone wanting to learn and understand SAYC, or anyone who simply knows the basics and is eager to fill in the missing pieces in their repertoire. It also gives basic introduction to the standard bidding conventions used on bridge websites.