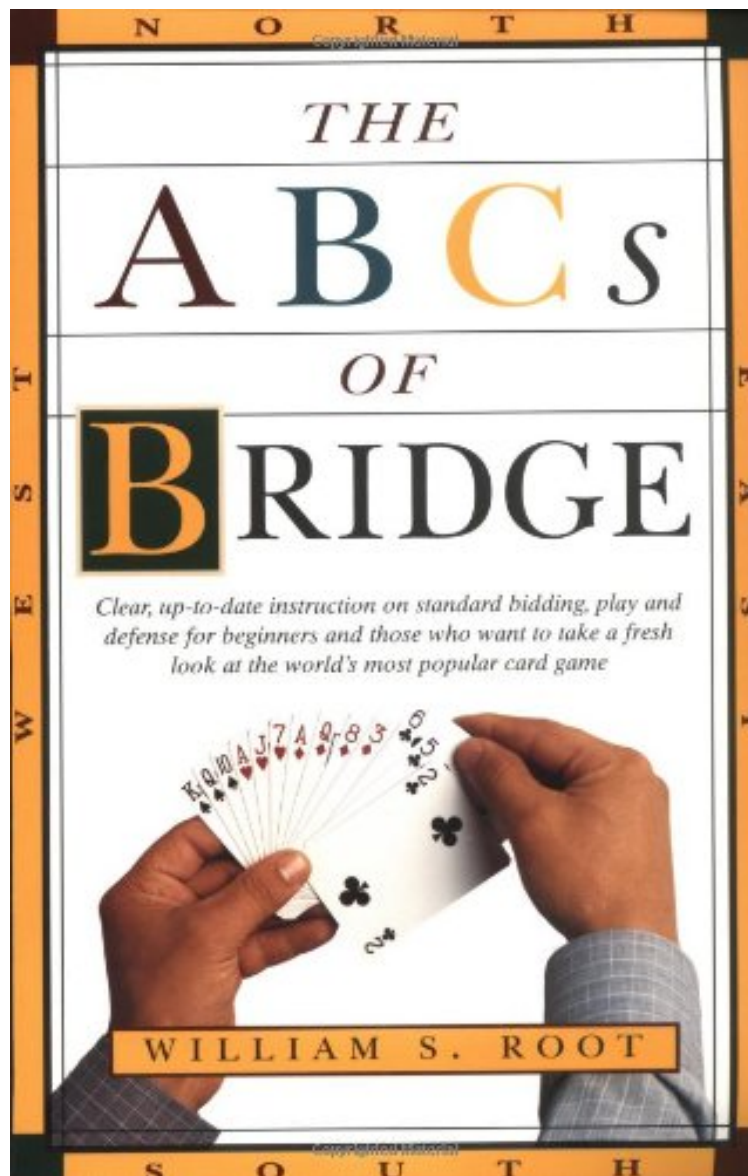


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I've always thought William Root's books were very good, so I was glad to see his new offering. I'll be using it in a small class for beginning players. It is so important to get new players off on the right foot, and it is far too easy to scare them away with too many gadgets or an unreadable book. The system the book teaches is a fairly standard modern system, although my opinion is that limit raises in majors should now be viewed as standard (the book mentions limit raises, but advises people to begin with forcing raises). That's a pretty small and debatable issue in an otherwise excellent book.  
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The book is pretty comprehensive, but, as a stark beginner and a very, very senior citizen, the old noodle doesn't absorb as it used to. When it got to rebidding and conventions, I got lost and confused. I'll try a class for beginners and use the book as a refresher..... if that doesn't work, it's back to solitaire for me.

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