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Clement Wong : The Amazing Queen: Winning With Your Queens before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Amazing Queen: Winning With Your Queens:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Decent collection of handsBy Matthew KiddThis book is a decent collection of hands, many played by top pros, giving the thrill of seeing the pros make both brilliant and foolish plays. The "Winning With Your Queen" theme is loose. The book could just as well be titled, "Hands Clement Wong Likes",

"Clement's Collection", or something similar. The editing is a bit sloppy. Verb tense is not always consistent within the discussion of a hand. Sometimes the subjunctive mood is needed but not employed. Occasionally the declaring and dummy hands are confused for a trick during the card play. Altogether the errors are only a minor distraction but should be cleaned up for a second printing. There are things to learn from the book and also some habits you might be better off not learning. Sometimes Mr. Wong seems to be saying, "look what I got away with." For example early on, he reaches a sketchy 3NT contract because he thinks the queens are well positioned. This is true but even so the contract only succeeds because the defensive diamonds split 2-2, nominally a 40.7% chance though perhaps as high as 45% in the specific case. Another hand has the auction 1 Dbl 2 whereupon fourth seat bids 2 on 984 763 8643 J43. This makes 6 when declarer finds a clever way to establish an entry to hand and his partner puts down a shapely 23 count with a diamond void. But a free bid of 2 on 3-3-4-3 shape with 1 HCP? Come on. Start to do that regularly and you're going to end up in some horrible contracts, probably smacked, when partner has a more ordinary takeout double. I feel this book deserves 3 stars. The tie breaker for me is the unethical behavior of the publisher, HNB Publishing. The publisher obtained the e-mail list of the 165,000 strong American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) in a legitimate manner and then proceeded to use it to advertise this book and a few other titles in a manner forbidden by the ACBL under the terms by which HNB Publishing received the e-mail list. So 3 stars it is. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A satisfying read. By Bridge nut. Interesting treatment of bidding, card play, and defense involving queens. The author is a bridge columnist, and it shows in almost all of the chapters being newspaper column length. I could have done without so many mentions of the author's Bols Tip from several years back, but all in all, a well-written, enjoyable book.

The first bridge book on winning by skillful bidding and play surrounding the queens from queen camouflage to queen sacrifice (both real and sham) to queen defence inspired by the author's 1993 Bols Tip of Queening your Defence. Covers bidding, declarer play, opening leads and responses, exit cards, entries, and defense with strong trumps. Clear, to-the-point analyses of nearly 100 hands, many played by international experts

About the Author Clement Wong won the first tournament in which he ever competed: a national open pairs with a first-time partner when he was 18. He defended his title the following year. He has since won many open tournaments, in Taipei, Guangdong, Shanghai, and Singapore, and has represented Hong Kong in international events, captaining the team to win the single Far East Asian berth in the Bermuda Bowl in 1991. For 20 years, Clement wrote the popular bridge column for the Hong Kong Economic Journal. When not writing about or playing bridge, he is a practicing barrister, management adviser, media columnist, civil engineer, and university lecturer. In addition to his law and engineering degrees, he holds a doctorate in business.