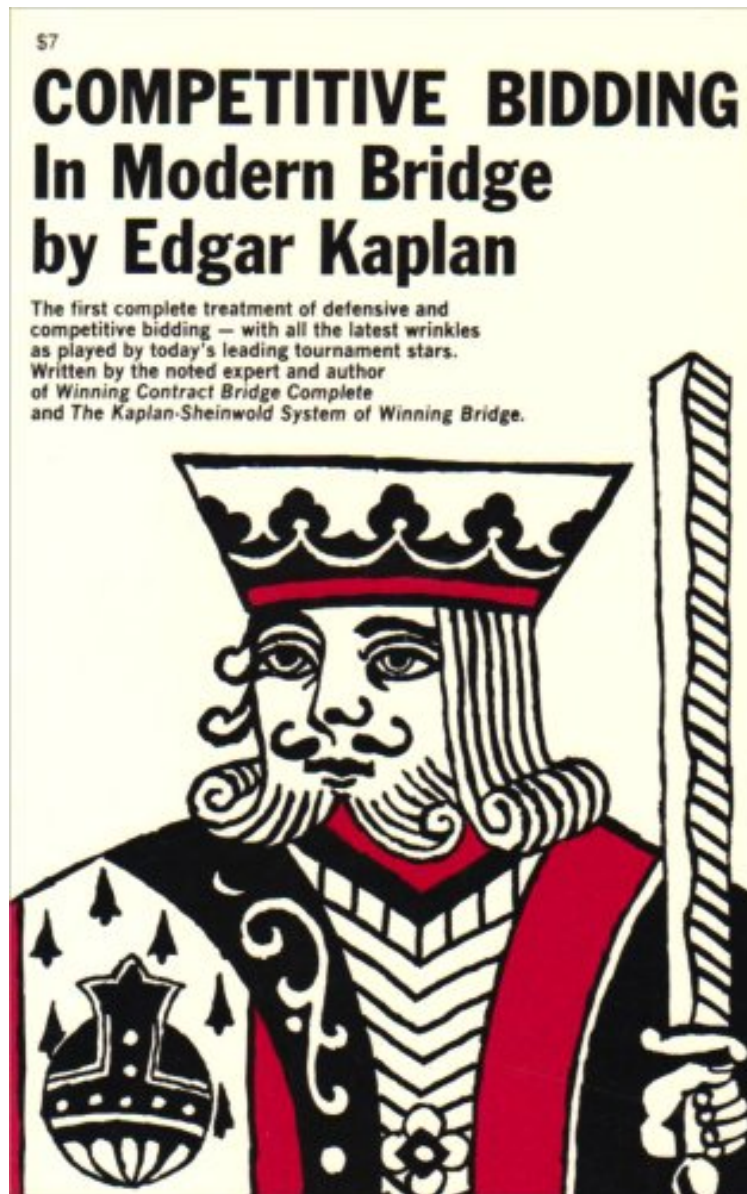


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. "Modern" should not have a 1965 Copyright! By Robert Bruce Scott First, as other reviewers have mentioned, this is a great book on bridge. However the title is a bit misleading. It is not a beginner's book. The book assumes you know how to bid and are familiar with opening bids and determining

which suit is to be played. This book's theme has to do with defensive bidding. If the opposing team opens the bidding, under what conditions should you 'jump', 'jump shift', double, etc or just pass. This is what this book is teaching and it teaches it very well. If you are an experienced bridge player with one or more partners that you are used to playing with, this book holds some value. However if you are a good bridge player, you probably already know most of this. But if you are playing with a partner with whom you have never played Bridge with, this book sets down an excellent set of rules or conventions by which you and this new partner can use (until you learn each other's style of play). The second and more major misleading aspect of the book's title revolves around the word 'Modern'. The copyright of this book is 1965. It may be a 1975 printing but there is nothing that indicates that this book has been edited or rewritten since 1965. That is not "Modern". I started playing Bridge in 1972. I relate to this book and understand what it is teaching because what it is teaching coincides with the style(s) or bidding conventions that I played. The problem is that I have not played bridge in over 5 years. A friend recently told me that bidding has changed tremendously since I last played. It seems all the various conventions I learned in the 70's are out of date. I am reading another book on bridge bidding to learn the new more used bidding systems of today. At the moment, I don't know how well this book will relate to these newer bidding conventions. So, be aware! This is a great book. It will either teach you a lot or put into words what you already may know. Buy this book! You will learn from it. Just keep in mind that Bridge bidding has changed since this book was written and you are going to have to adjust what this book teaches so it relates to the newer styles.

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In this book, the author presents a complete system of defensive bidding: first, a new and sound foundation of bids and responses to allow safe and accurate search for your own contract; second, a preemptive style with which to bedevil the opponents; third, tools and tactics for use against special enemy opening bids; finally, an examination and evaluation of many new competitive conventions.