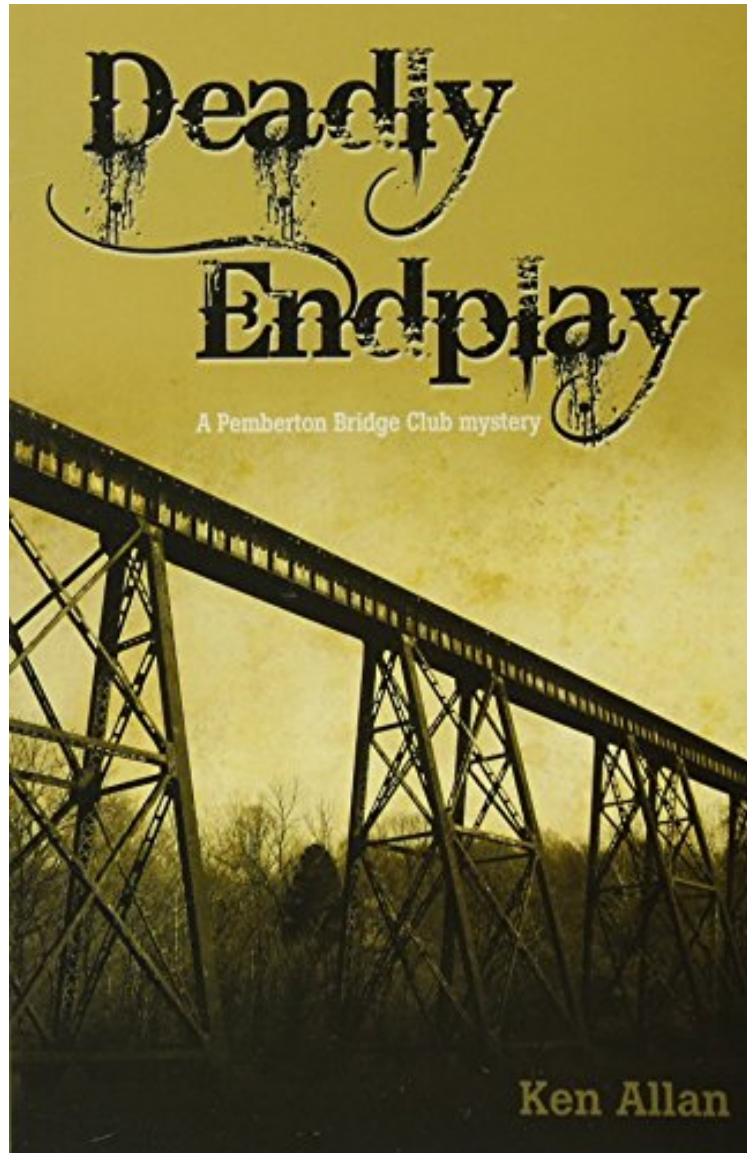


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the bridge club. Only 200 pages, well-paced and irresistible. Best for bridge aficionados or readers into problem solving; I can't picture a non-bridge player or the I don't want to think, I just want to be entertained reader enjoying it all the way it requires more finesse than that. Touch.

If Miss Marple's village had boasted a bridge club, it might have been very like the one in Pemberton, the North Ontario setting for this Canadian bridge mystery novel. The story evokes the slow pace of life in a small rural town, and whether there even was a murder is part of the mystery. The game of bridge is closely interwoven with the lives of the people in Pemberton - we meet the characters partly through bridge columns from the local paper, and in many cases, get to see how their personae at the bridge table differ from those in their everyday lives. The 'deadly endplay' of the title relates to a deal that comes up in a club game, and also refers to how the murder - if it was a murder - was committed.

About the Author Ken Allan is an expert bridge player with many Regional wins. This is his first bridge book, although he has written extensively about his other interest, vegetable gardening.