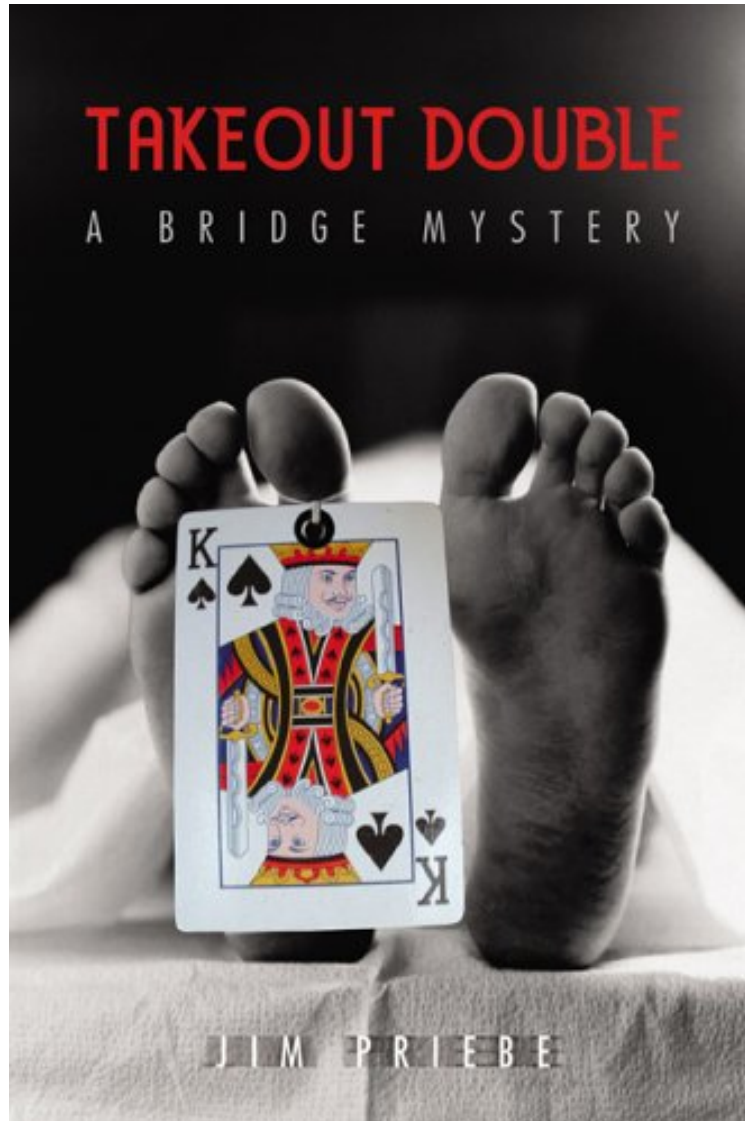


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**Jim Priebe : Takeout Double: A Bridge Mystery** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Takeout Double: A Bridge Mystery:

2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. I really wanted to like this book By Barbara Mcauliffe I am a beginning bridge player and really wanted to like this book. But...A nasty bridge player is murdered in the parking lot after a bridge tournament. The state troopers are charged with solving the crime. There are some questions about the victim's business, so there is a digression into that area. The good: the author makes it clear how it feels to be subjected to a mean partner in bridge, how it doesn't help the partnership at the table, and how it can even wreck a person's home

life. I felt the author had been seated across from more than one brutal partner in his life and knew what he was talking about. The bad. Where to begin. This is a "soft" police procedural, as such, it has to have some basis in actual police procedure. A rather minor point that kept nagging at me was why were the state troopers called into this? This crime is said to have taken place in Buffalo. Does Buffalo not have a homicide unit? If it was in an unincorporated area outside of Buffalo, why wasn't that stated. The author is Canadian and maybe the Provincial authorities deal with murder there, but in cities here, the locals handle it. This would have been so easy to take care of with just a line. It was an annoyance all through the book. It is clearly stated that everyone who was at the tourney was a suspect. But the troopers call in a detective who was also a player at the tourney to head the investigation. If calling the state troopers can be put to the differences between Canada and the US, surely this can't. I don't believe for one minute that anyone in Canada would put a nominal suspect in charge of an investigation. The detective constantly says, this guy couldn't have done it he's my friend. Proving he should not have been in charge. The list of deviations from police procedure go on and on (flying to Florida when an call to the airlines would suffice!) The book would have worked quite well as a cozy, but it has to work as a police procedural and it fails there. I'm sorry that I cannot recommend this book. I did want so much to like it. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Moderate interest to bridge buffs

By Customer Takeout Double is a Columbo-style mystery (the reader knows whodunit, but the police have to catch up) but without a Columbo character. In fact that is probably the biggest weakness, the lack of character development. The plot is adequate, although it mostly concerns the police plodding through false leads and some angst from the innocent suspects. It's the people who feel one-dimensional. The bridge theme adds interest for a bridge player, but non-players could probably read it without feeling too lost. The book doesn't contain any hands or bridge problems. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Police Procedural

By Customer This is a very good police procedural about a bridge player who is murdered. The suspects are bridge players and even one of the detectives is, but you don't have to know how to play bridge to enjoy this novel. There are no bridge hands and no bridge lessons, as there are in some bridge mysteries. This is the first in Priebe's bridge series. There are two more; I hope there will be many more to come.

Bob Smithers is dead, although few in the tournament bridge scene will shed any tears. Art Fraser, the ambitious Buffalo police lieutenant assigned to the case, knows the bridge world well. But Smithers made enemies easily, both at the bridge table and away from it, and Art has plenty of potential murderers to investigate. Even his own bridge friends have to be treated as suspects, and he begins to uncover a complex tangle of jealousy, ambition, sex, and deceit amongst people to whom bridge is far more than just a game. Then a second body shows up