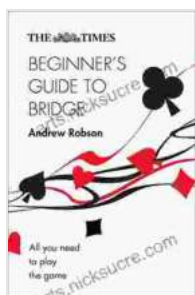


The Times Beginner Guide To Bridge: A Comprehensive Overview for New Players

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The Basics of Bridge

Bridge is a trick-taking game played with a standard deck of 52 cards. The game is played by four players in two partnerships. The players sit opposite each other, and each player is dealt 13 cards.

The object of the game is to be the first partnership to reach 100 points. Points are scored by taking tricks. A trick is a set of four cards, one from each player. The player who plays the highest card in the suit that was led wins the trick.

The Bidding Process

Before each hand, the players go through a bidding process. The bidding process determines the contract for the hand. The contract is a statement of how many tricks the declarer (the player who wins the bid) will take.

The bidding process starts with the player to the left of the dealer. Each player has the opportunity to bid or pass. A bid is a statement of how many tricks the player believes they can take. The highest bid wins the contract.

The Play of the Hand

Once the contract has been determined, the declarer leads the first card. The other players must follow suit if they can. If they cannot follow suit, they can play any card.

The player who wins the trick leads the next card. The play continues until all 13 tricks have been played.

Scoring

The declarer scores points for each trick they take over their contract. The declarer also scores points for any overtricks they take.

The defenders score points if the declarer fails to make their contract.

Strategy

Bridge is a game of strategy and skill. There are many different strategies that can be used to win. Some of the most important strategies include:

- **Counting points:** It is important to keep track of the number of points that you and your partner have. This will help you to determine how many tricks you can bid.
- **Card counting:** It is also important to keep track of the cards that have been played. This will help you to determine what cards your opponents are likely to have.
- **Suit preference:** It is important to develop a suit preference. A suit preference is a suit that you and your partner agree to lead whenever possible.
- **Communication:** It is important to communicate with your partner during the bidding process and the play of the hand. This will help you to coordinate your strategy.

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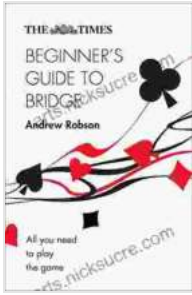
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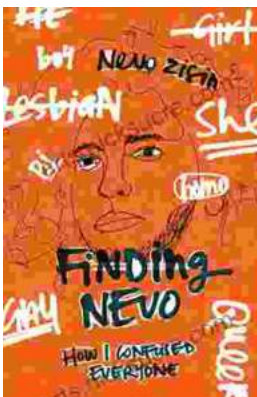
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