

Beat the Experts -Book Review

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Beat the Experts at Bridge by Danny Roth (Vivisphere Publishing, Poughkeepsie, New York, 1 800 724-1100) runs a risk. He's taking on the bridge columnists. Will they objectively review his book?

An earlier book entitled *Spot the Bridge Writers' Blunders* was centered around bridge hands misanalyzed by bridge columnists around the world. And in this book, he notes, "A favorite pastime of experts and aspiring experts is sneering at bridge columnists. Especially in newspapers, the space and time limitations preclude complete analyses. So, mistakes are not uncommon."

Roth takes you on a tour of close to 100 hands, showing you how they were originally analyzed and then pointing out what was missed, the overlooked possibilities.

Check out Hand 81 which demonstrates the importance of paying attention even when you have a bad hand. West has the worst hand at the table, one ten-spot and out, and yet has the opportunity to make the crucial play on defense by ruffing his partner's good trick and leading a heart through dummy's ace-queen before declarer has been able to both draw trumps and take pitches.

We'd talk more about the book, but oops, we're out of space.