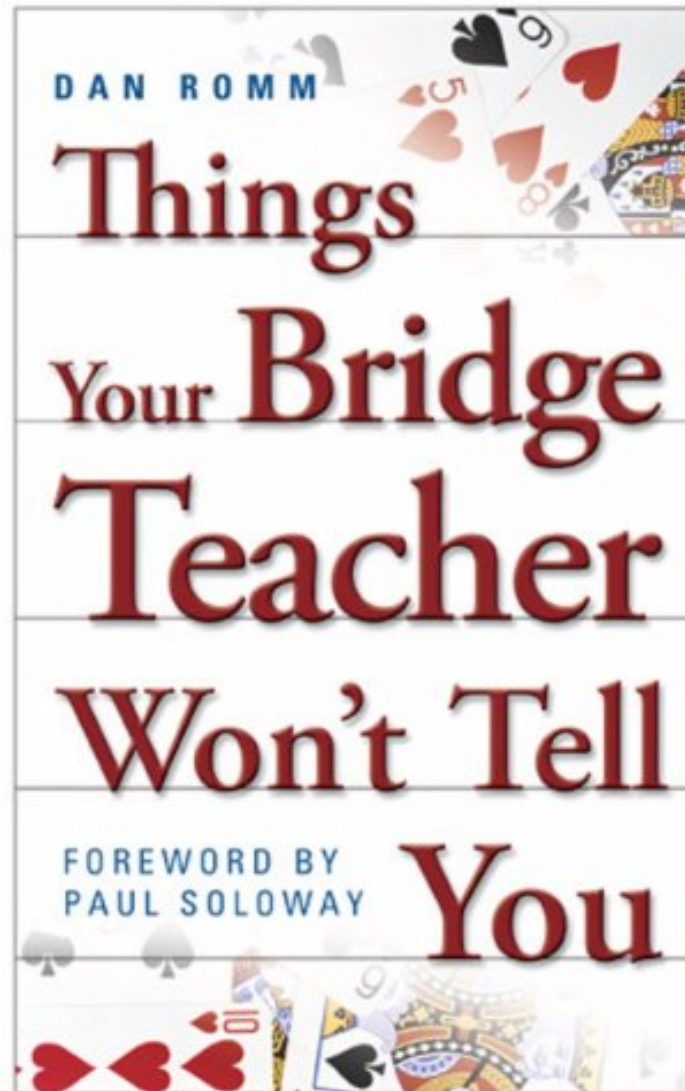


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**Dan Romm : Things Your Bridge Teacher Won't Tell You** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Things Your Bridge Teacher Won't Tell You:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Not the worst book about bridgeBy Robert SolickThis book isn't as bad as some of the other reviews suggest, but it does not have a clear focus. The author has not asked himself "For whom am I writing this book?". It also demonstrates an inability to follow his own advice. He says don't try to make one bid do too much and fails to consider that his advice applies to books. He touches lightly on many topics that

experienced players already know. The coverage is too cursory to explain to a new player what the issue is; at times he overexploits simple things then uses terms that would only be familiar to an experienced competitor. The final section on conventions does highlight a few common agreements that are poor, such as fit Drury and Cappelletti/Hamilton. Some of his ideas are good but so out of touch with the modern game that only a handful of people would adopt them [four card majors, low level penalty doubles]. I bought the book hoping that Romm would suggest ways to take advantage of modern foibles, rather than remark that they are flawed and propose his own methods as untested alternatives. Okay, maybe the book really is as bad as others said. 3 of 4 people found the following review helpful.

Sucked in By Larry R. Harris Silly me, I believed the Master Point Press blurb Ad in the ACBL's Bridge Bulletin that stated, "Psychology, deception, and misdirection are among a host of (legal) tactics ...." Too good to be true. Finally a book that relates to 'Tells' and the like in a bridge context that might be analogous to those found in the world of poker. Well, these do exist but unfortunately they are few and very far between. This book only had one review (5 stars no less) which turns out is nothing but a compilation of the publisher's sales pitch and the back cover review by world champion Paul Soloway...who, we discover is a long time bud and has played a lot of rubber bridge for money with the author, Dan Romm. There is no doubt that Mr. Romm is an excellent player and has made a lot of money playing Chicago and the like in big money games...BUT...There is off times a very large gap between playing excellence and imparting that information in a timely fashion a la Mike Lawrence or an Eddie Kantar. They can do both. Most can not. This book is an example of the later. One only has to whip through the introduction to be well aware that the author has no low opinion of himself as he attempts to overpower the reader as to how proficient he is. Psychology: Table Presence and Awareness consists mostly of ...observe all mannerisms of your opponent...be a good partner...be mentally tough...Duh! To be fair, there were a few anecdotes that supported his thesis rather well, and for this, we accord his book 2 stars. Unfortunately one can never get through any of his 'movie stories' without the feeling that he is in the 'Adlerian Mode' of attempting to shove chips under his own pedestal. This is followed by 'Be Adaptable' and 'Use Good Judgment', thus rounding out the first 68 pages which constitute chapter 1. This is followed by 'Tips'...NT opening...Doubles (he eschews the negative double because you can't double the opponent's very easily at the one level)...patience being a virtue...defining what a good suit is...3 pages on the art of cuebidding...etc. for an additional 40 pages. The final chapter (3) consists of 50 pages of Bidding Conventions. Actually, there are 20 different ones that are covered. No varying shades of gray here, just a ton of (in some cases, extreme) black and white. The only redeeming value this section has is to provide a touch of 'food for thought'. Problem is, the coverage is not only inadequately brief, but it is wretchedly presented...but never the doubt as to who 'Big Daddy' is. For now, it is obvious why this book was published...One would look it up in the dictionary under 'Self Glorification'. This 3rd and final last chapter is filler in its most blatant form. The final straw is in the one page that follows, entitled 'Afterword'. The first sentence is, "Although this book is short by modern standards, I refuse to lengthen it by adding filler. I believe that quality is more important than quantity..." I damn near crapped my knickers. The final 6 pages recap his 52 tips that have been presented in the book. If you choose to purchase this book I suggest that you look here first. After you do, whether or not you proceed further would be an individual matter. Is the book worth \$17.95? (Only \$13.95 via ...a rather nice discount) I will leave that up to you. 1 sawbucks is certainly no big deal....But just maybe your time is.

0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. LOVE THIS BOOK By RYeater Love this book! The tips are great. Book goes beyond lessons and sample hands and shows you more than just how to play your cards. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Why listen to advice from someone you've never heard of? The simple answer is, because Dan Romm is a winner. While others have made their names winning championships, he has spent over forty years playing bridge for money, in games that included some of the world's best players. And he has been a consistent winner. Now he tells you how he did it. He describes the factors that will make you a winning player: judgment, adaptability, planning, psychology, and lastly, technique. He talks about how to recognize when to ignore the rules, which overall strategies work and which don't, and how to get the best out of your partners. Finally, while promoting a bidding style that is largely natural, he discusses a number of popular conventions, explaining their drawbacks and recommending a (very) few as being worth playing. This is a unique book that can help turn you, too, into a winner.

About the Author Dan Romm is a successful businessman whose hobby for more than forty years has been winning at high stakes bridge against the very best players.