

## BOOK REVIEW

Earlier this year I arrived home from bridge one Friday to discover a little note in the evening paper announcing the death of Terrence Reese. I immediately declared myself 'in mourning' and decided to observe a proper mourning period by rereading several of Reese's books. And once again, I have been instructed and entertained at the same time.

Although Terrence Reese may have been somewhat of a rogue in English and world bridge circles, his many books are outstanding and full of insights and analyses. It is, indeed, unfortunate that he is best remembered as one of the players accused of cheating in the Buenos Aires Bermuda Bowl in 1965. Reese's version of this scandal is presented in the book Story of an Accusation and makes for very interesting reading.

But this review is on Reese's Bridge for Ambitious Players which was first published in Great Britain in 1988. It is divided into four segments: (1) mainly play of the hand, (2) mainly defense, (3) bidding tactics, and (4) famous hands. Regardless of the segment, each hand has some instructive or amusing point associated with it. In the hand below, the contract was 5NT which Reese calls "the hippopotamus contract" because it is almost always awkward and ungainly. This one is certainly no exception. See if you can make it with a diamond lead if the East hand wins the Ace and returns a diamond. Then replay the hand having East play the diamond Jack at trick one.

	NORTH	
	♠ J864	
	♥ AK1053	
	♦ 8	
	♣ 943	
WEST		EAST
♠ 10752		♠ A93
♥ -		♥ J9862
♦ Q109543		♦ AJ72
♣ 1086		♣ 2
	SOUTH	
	♠ KQ	
	♥ Q74	
	♦ K6	
	♣ AKQJ75	

While this hand may be a little bit difficult for some of you, part of learning to play bridge is to work on difficult situations until all hands become easier to play or defend. A good way to do that is to read and study bridge books. I recommend this book, Terrence Reese's Bridge for Ambitious Players for that purpose.

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Bridge For Ambitious Players

by Terrence Reese

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