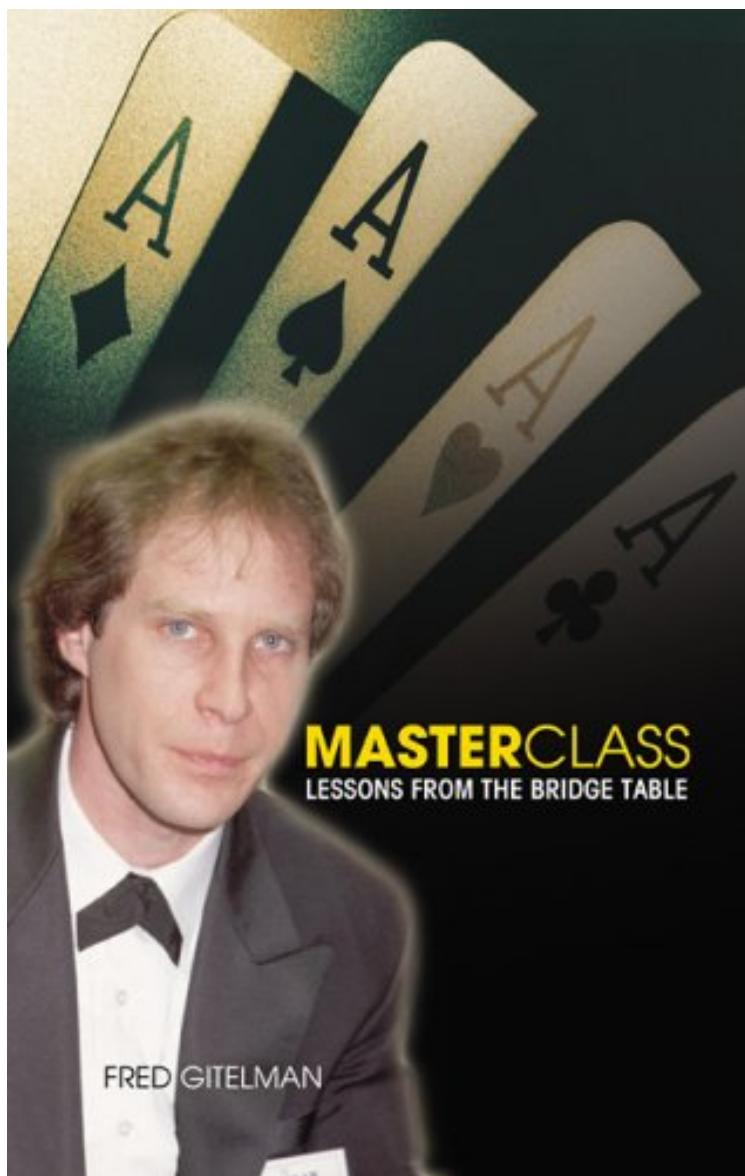


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The 46 hands in this book are a selection from 393 "Hand of the Week" bridge column articles for advanced players on the Bridge Base Online web site. This book is not intended for novice or intermediate players. And if you are an advanced player, you probably do not need a book that claims to provide "Lessons". The hands seem to have been selected for their novelty. Many illustrate extraordinary thoughtful tactics of the defense, only to succumb to inspired declarer play. It is a helter skelter variety pack of interesting hands with careful analysis. Some hands are from regular players at Bridge Base. Some are from world championship events. And some are from the author's sessions with Bill Gates and Warren Buffett, members of The American Upper Class and probably the reason for the pretentious title. One annoyance is the author does not follow generally accepted style guidelines for presentation of bridge hands. The bid columns are often not labeled "North, East, South, West", but use players names like "Warren, Bill, Sharon, Fred" and the reader has to annotate the columns to understand the bidding. If you buy this book because it has the word "Lessons" in the title, you probably will be a little disappointed. It has no explicit description of what lesson comes from each hand. Most of the hands involve highly customized bid systems, and little attempt is made to explain the bidding. The hands are entertaining, not instructive. It's a thrill book, not a lesson book. For example, there's a hand where a top Canadian player opens an 8 HCP hand (QJ8743, A96, K, JT5) and partner makes 3NT with a 12 HCP hand. The author offers no clue why the hand merits an open. What lesson is there for the reader? Your own play is not likely to improve if you attempt to follow such examples. There are many other books to consider if you want to study excellent analysis of hand play. For example, there's Play These Hands with Me by Terence Reese, Play Bridge with Mike Lawrence, and Bridge With the Blue Team by Pietro Forquet. Those books are far more likely to have a positive effect on your play. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Hard hands, but enjoyable  
By Mike Gorsky  
I like the authors style (over the shoulder). He will ask you questions from time to time, and try and trip you up. These are pretty tough hands and you wont appreciate the players skill unless you are at least a good player.

Imagine sitting beside a world-class bridge player and being able to listen to his thoughts as each hand develops... you can help but improve your own game! Every hand in this fascinating book comes from actual play; many of them are taken from the author's own experience in world-level competition. Fred Gitelman believes that there is something to be learned from every bridge hand, whether you are a novice or an expert, and he proves it here. Just as fascinating as the bridge, however, are Fred's observations on his partners and opponents, who range from world champions to famous amateurs like Bill Gates and Warren Buffett. Fred Gitelman (Las Vegas) has a trophy case full of world championship medals, many of them earned playing for his native Canada. He is known throughout the world as a leading designer and producer of bridge software, while his web site, Bridge Base Online, is the most popular bridge-playing site on the Net.