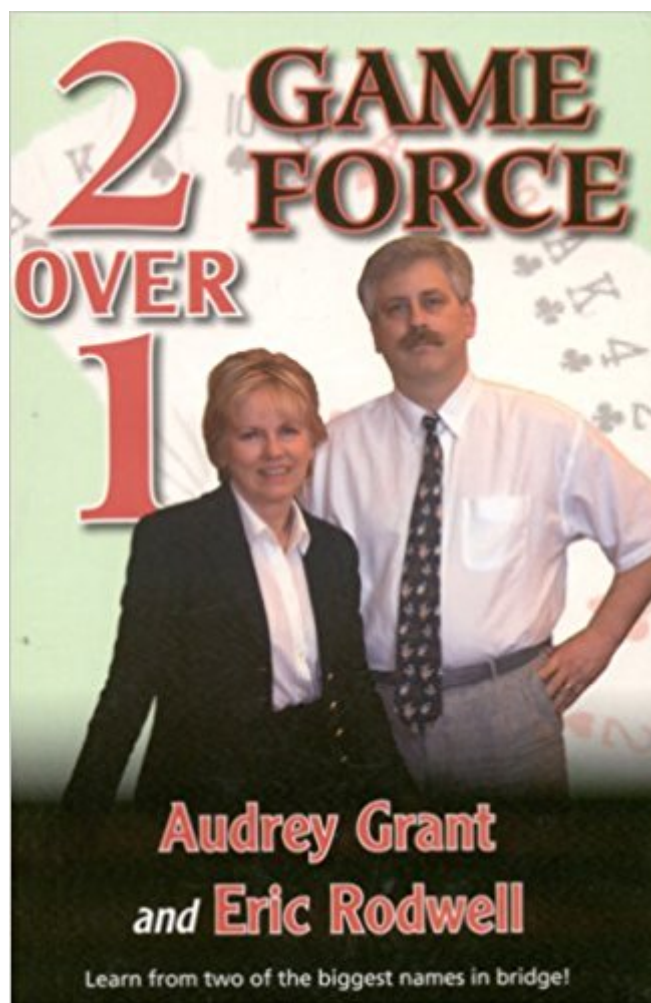


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2 Over 1 Game Force (The Official Better Bridge)



Synopsis

This book covers the basics of Two-Over-One Game Force, a popular variation of Standard American bidding. It shows how a small modification can make it easier for the partnership to get to the best game contract and explore the possibility of slam. Using a response of 1 NT as a forcing bid can improve the results. Bidding is color-coded in this well organized book. Summaries, exercises, and sample deals illustrate the ideas.

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Customer Reviews

For those who like Audrey Grant's approach to Standard American bidding, you'll find her book on 2 over 1 a comfortable read. Audrey and her authoring companion Eric Rodwell stick to the basics of 2/1 and 1NT Forcing in the main treatment, while briefly describing some alternative approaches such as 2/1 semi-forcing and 1NT semi-forcing in the appendices. You may or may not appreciate Rodwell's choice of "Marathon Bid" in lieu of the more traditional "Game Force" but it does have a certain appeal for those who are resistant to the idea of being forced into anything, although the outcome is the same. Like most advocates of 2/1 and its essential companion the 1NT Forcing response, Grant and Rodwell highlight the advantages and soft pedal the disadvantages of adopting this system, but like all conventions, there is no free lunch, and you always have to give something up to get something of advantage and 2/1 is no exception. Advocates of 2/1 will argue that it allows partnerships to bid games and slams more comfortably, and Grant and Rodwell provide plenty of examples to illustrate that advantage. At its most basic level, 2 over 1 is not particularly complicated, and it doesn't take a complete book to describe the system; so Grant and Rodwell fill it out with

more examples than necessary to get their point across. For those who enjoy reading bridge columns in the newspaper, you will find this part enjoyable. After finishing the basic treatment of 2/1 and 1NT Forcing, you can leave this book on your nightstand and read an example hand or two each night before dropping off to sleep.

First book on 2/1 that I've read that really explains the rationale for the whole system with solid examples of why it works. I think the authors go a bit too far in trying to graphically organize the material with colors, symbols and gadgets when in some spots a more straightforward narrative would work better. That's my reason for deducting 1 star. Don't hate me for it.

Very well written reference, characteristic of all Audrey Grant and Eric Rodwell material. It does assume more than basic knowledge of Standard American system, and of bridge in general. This makes it a book for intermediate players. It is not for the beginners, though I suppose 2/1 is really only for advancing players since it is an extension of, and an evolution from SA. In that respect, I would suggest "25 Steps to Learning 2/1 (Master Point Press)." I would give that book 5 stars. If you were to buy only one, I would suggest Paul Thurston's book, which 'talks down to you' by design. The book under review is also a great resource. I would however have preferred many more quizzes at the end of each subject. Also, many basic elements such as Bergen raises and New Minor Forcing have been left out. I think they could have easily been accommodated here. Great thing about this and all of Grant / Baron Barclay books is that the suits are printed in color. Very easy on the eyes..so are the bidding 'boxes'. The paper and the book are of very high quality. One complaint I have relates to the physical size. It is a bit narrow and that makes text a bit dense. They should print all their books the size and style of those by Master Point Press.

A straight-forward introduction that works its way logically through the basic system. They do a great job of showing how the different parts fit together so that what you don't bid is as informative as what you do. The writing is clear and fun to read. They gloss over problem areas- the hands always seem to match the bidding system perfectly. Where are the really nasty hands that give you a sick feeling when you look at them?

This is well-written and has just the right balance of instruction and ways to test yourself to make sure you understand the content. One of the first questions I ask when I sit down with a new partner is, "do you play two over one."

If you need a general knowledge about the system, this book is OK. But unfortunately, you can not play 2/1 system after reading the book, and you can not understand opponent's bidding either.

Good book

Good book. However, she is behind the times in not offering this in an ebook. Larry Cohen's books, including 2 over 1 are offered in ebook . That way I can carry my "bridge references" in my iPad wherever I am. That is a great convenience.

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