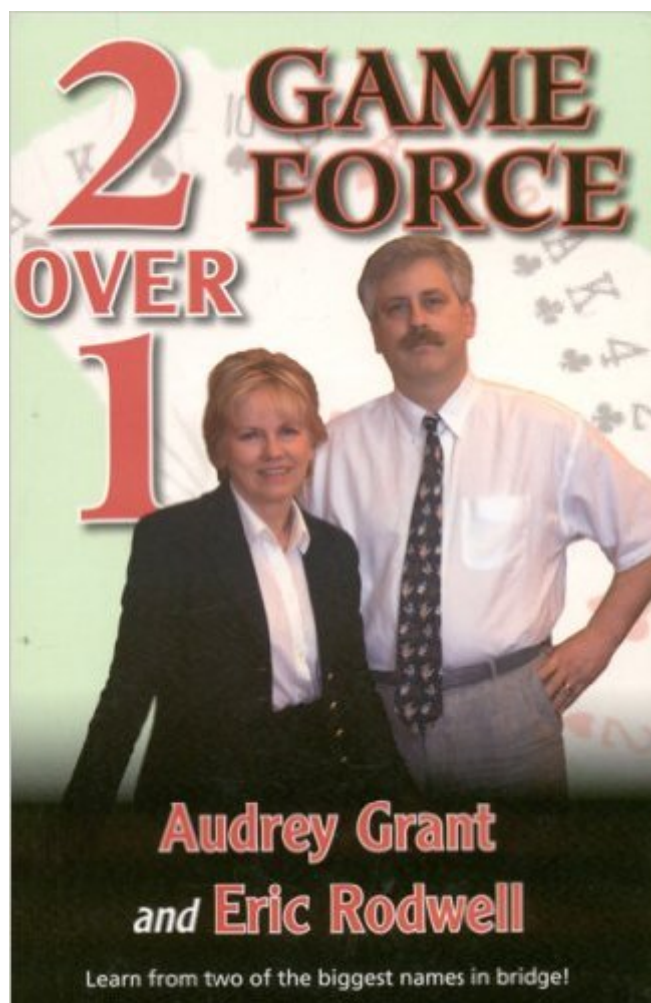


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2 Over 1 Game Force (The Official Better Bridge)



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

I took 5 lessons on 2/1 GF, and Audrey Grant's book was the text book for the course. I found it very easy to understand and learn from ~ and am now using 2/1 as my primary bridge system (for the last 2 months). What I liked best about the book was the progression of the concepts from the beginning to the end of the book. It was in an order that made the book flow without any confusion. The system was explained simply and completely. There is not really much difference from the Standard American Yellow Card that I have been playing for several years, so the transition was smooth. And, if after a game at the Club, I wonder if I bid correctly, it is so easy just to review in the well-organized book. (And if I decide not to continue with 2/1 GF as my primary system, the knowledge I gained is still a wonderful bridge tool.) ~~~ The book begins with explaining what 2/1 Game Force response is in the first chapter. It is then followed in chapter two by the forcing One No Trump response. Then she goes on to explain the 2/1 rebids for chapter three. And chapter four is on the choice between game and slam. Each chapter has a summary and quizzes, and there are many additional practice deals.

Yes, this book is clearly written (Not like Hardy's books on 2/1). And there are many examples. But it is not more than an introduction. All situations which are hard to bid in 2/1MF are not mentioned at all or only very shortly:- How do I bid with a 4-5-2-2 hand?- How do I find a 5-3 fit in Hearts after 1S-1NT-2C?- How do I continue after 1D-2C? So, if you are new to 2/1MF it is a good book to start with. But if you really want to start playing this, you will have to do some more reading.

Easy to understand for the advanced beginner/intermediate bridge player. It has lots of hands to practice with!! And it makes sense, I mean about why one would want to do 2 over 1. A must for those considering switching to 2 over 1 game force! Color adds, too.

This is an excellent bridge book that covers 2 over 1 game force bidding and forcing 1 no trump bids. It also has a great chapter on slam bidding that covers alternatives to Blackwood.

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.

It is pretty much all examples, no rules, and the examples are biased to the stuff that works well in 2

over 1. Horrible (inadequate) treatment of the Forcing 1NT sequences, which is probably the weakness of the system, so discussion at all about where the system is weak. The Lawrence book may be a lot older, but is a better treatment (I bought that after finding out that this book was not very good). I did like some of the 2 over response ideas in this book, but that's the easy stuff where 2 over 1 works well. I'm surprised a good bridge player would write something this superficial. I consider myself an expert bridge player.

Seems that Audrey Grant aims to SELL the book rather than present the 2/1 system. Nearly all the examples for 1NT forcing cited in the book are made in Heaven! None of the real life awkward situations and ways to handle such was described. I suggest that you get the 2 booklets titled 1NT Forcing (actually semi Forcing) and 2/1 by Marty Bergen, if you wish to explore 2 over 1.

I truly enjoyed this book. Very straightforward. The problems and the play of hands from both the declarer and defender's point of view are very helpful. Highly recommend for anyone trying to learn this system.

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