

# **“Coloring Outside the Lines”**

**Bridge tools for players who reject conformity**

**Running games for years (which requires watching a great deal of bridge) I have observed some persistent trends in bidding: the game truly belongs to the more aggressive players, most partnerships acquire new conventions haphazardly, and defensive bidding has been considerably marginalized.**

**Most experienced partnerships have adopted a relatively extensive collection of conventions. But their toolkits still contain gaps; there are too many occasions where a player picks up a hand with no good way to efficiently describe that holding to their partner. The too frequent result is (at least) a missed opportunity, and perhaps total chaos.**

**This book discusses methods to compete more aggressively, to close some of the bidding gaps, and to introduce some ‘alternative thinking’ to the bidding process. The methods included are outside the mainstream thinking in the bridge community, so the reader is advised to begin by considering these methods as a work of fiction. However, if one or more of these techniques hits a nerve...**

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