

American Bridge Teachers Association - Book Of The Year Award

The ABTA is a non-profit professional organization composed primarily of bridge teachers, but which also includes tournament directors and bridge writers. The organization is dedicated to promoting higher standards of bridge teaching and playing.

The organization was founded in 1957 by a charter membership of 150. The association is divided into ten regions, and each region is headed by a regional director.

The ABTA *Quarterly Magazine* is published for all members with pertinent information.

The ABTA also is responsible for selecting the prestigious Book of the Year Award for the best presented and written bridge-related publication in two categories: Beginner/Novice and Advanced.

These selected books are listed below.

Year	Author	Title
1982	Caroline Sydnor	Beginner/Novice Category: How To Win More Tricks
1983	Easley Blackwood	Beginner/Novice Category: Complete Book of Opening Leads
1984	Henry Francis	Official Encyclopedia of Bridge (This was a Special Award by the ABTA and all other candidates moved to the following year)
1985	Harry Lampert	Beginner/Novice Category: Fun Way To Advanced Bridge
1986	Eddie Kantar	Beginner/Novice Category: A New Approach To Play And Defense
1987	William Root	Beginner/Novice Category: Common Sense Bidding
1988	Judi Goodwin and Don Ellison	Beginner/Novice Category: Teach Me To Play
1989	Frank Stewart and Randall Baron, President of Devyn Press	Devyn Press Series The Devyn Press Bridge Teacher's Manual, Volume 1 For Beginning Players The Devyn Press Bridge Teacher's Manual, Volume 2 For Intermediate Players The Devyn Press Bridge Teacher's Manual, Volume 3 For Advanced Players The Devyn Press Bridge Teacher's Manual, Volume 4 Defensive Play The Devyn Press Complete Bridge Teacher's Manual

1990	William Root	Beginner/Novice Category: How To Play A Bridge Hand
1991	Ron Klinger Michael Lawrence	Beginner/Novice Category: Guide To Better Card Play Advanced Award: Topic On Bridge Series
1992	Jan Janitschke and Norma Sands Larry Cohen	Beginner/Novice Category: The Bridge Mini-Series Advanced Award: The Law of Total Tricks
1993	Caroline Sydnor Zia Mahmood	Beginner/Novice Category: How To Set Your Opponents Advanced Award: Bridge My Way
1994	William Root	Beginner/Novice Category: How To Defend A Bridge Hand
1995	Michael Lawrence	Beginner/Novice Category: The Complete Book Of Takeout Doubles
1996	Eddie Kantar	Beginner/Novice Category: Kantar Lessons III (Teaching Book)
1997	Eddie Kantar Burt Hall and Lynn Rose-Hall	Beginner/Novice Category: Bridge For Dummies Advanced Award: How The Experts Win At Bridge
1998	Edith McMullin Matthew and Pamela Granovetter	Beginner/Novice Category: Easybridge! Advanced Award: Forgive Me, Partner
1999	Barbara Seagram and Marc Smith	Beginner/Novice Category: 25 Bridge Conventions You Should Know
2000	Audrey Grant Eddie Kantar	Beginner/Novice Category: Opening The Bidding Advanced Award: Kantar Lessons, Volume 4
2001	Audrey Grant	Beginner/Novice Category: Commonly Used Conventions
2002	David Bird and Marc Smith	Bridge Technique Series
2003	Audrey Grant	Beginner/Novice Category: Bridge Basics I
2004	David Bird	Beginner/Novice Category: No Trump Contracts
2005	Marty Bergen	Beginner/Novice Category: Declarer Play The Bergen Way
2006	Julian Laderman	Beginner/Novice Category: A Bridge To Simple Squeezes