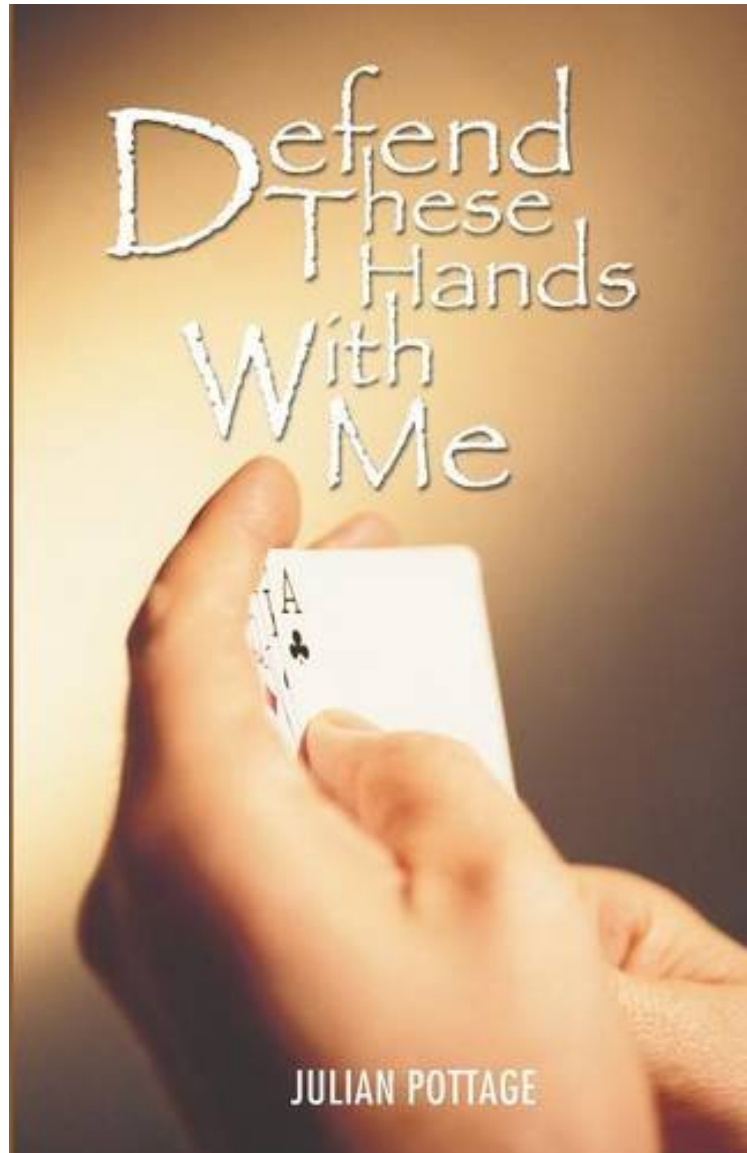


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Julian Pottage worked on a number of books with the late Terence Reese, and this one pays homage to a man who was arguably the best bridge writer of his time. One of Reese's classics, Play these hands with me, pioneered the 'over-the-shoulder' style of bridge writing. What that book did for declarer play, the present one does for defense: readers can follow the thinking of an expert player, stopping at critical points in the deal to make their own decisions about how to continue. Julian Pottage (Wales) is best known as a bridge problem constructor, and his many awards include IBPA Book of the Year. His most recent book for MPP was Defend or Declare?

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