

Two-Over-One

Game Force

By Val Covalciuc

\$28.95 Interactive online book

144 deals

Rating: A

Reviewed by Paul Linxwiler

Online teacher

Val Covalciuc has quite a resume: NABC champion, former ACBL president, former Bridge Bulletin columnist, current club owner/manager and ACBL-accredited teacher. To that impressive list, Covalciuc has added the title of author, specifically the writer of an online tutorial for the 2/1 game force system. Hosted on the nice Vu-Bridge website, "Two-Over-One Game Force with Val Covalciuc" covers important basic topics such as the forcing 1NT response, major-suit raise auctions, Jacoby 2NT, 2/1 and 1/1 sample auctions, minor suit openings and slam bidding. The advanced topics are focused primarily on specialized conventional treatments such as Flannery, Bart, splinters, reverse Bergen and "new" Drury.

Each topic is presented with an introductory description and a quiz. For example, in the lesson on 2/1 auctions, the reader is presented with this question:

<p>♠ KJ986 ♥ AKQJ5 ♦ A8 ♣ J</p>	<p><input type="radio"/> 2♥ <input type="radio"/> 3♥ <input type="radio"/> 4♦</p> <p>Submit</p>	<p>Q: 9 - You open 1♠ and partner responds 2♣. What is your rebid?</p>
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The reader clicks on the answer he thinks is correct and a commentary appears explaining what the correct action is and why.

After the quiz, the reader then faces a series of bid-and-play deals, displayed in a fun, interactive format. Covalciuc coaches the reader in an over your shoulder style, giving hints if needed to properly bid a hand and then declare. There are 144 deals in total, each of them featuring important points in the bidding and play.

The material seems best suited to intermediate-level players.

