

"One of my favorite puzzlemakers." - Will Shortz, The New York Times

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EDITOR'S NOTE

While working on Jeff Chen's first book, *Bridge Crosswords*, almost ten years ago, I had to figure out what editing crosswords was all about. It seemed obvious to solve the puzzles myself, check the clues for accuracy, and make suggestions about words or clues that I thought could be improved. This time, part way through the same process, I asked Jeff if this was generally the kind of feedback he got from Will Shortz when one of his puzzles was going to appear in the *New York Times*. He replied that it was, but that Will changed about half his clues!

Well, I don't have a degree in enigmatology like Will Shortz, and Jeff's clues seem pretty good to me, so most of them have stayed exactly as he wrote them, just as they did the first time. Someone once told me that a good crossword clue should provoke the solver to exclaim 'Ah!' not 'Ugh!' when they figure it out. You'll find plenty of 'Ah!' clues in this book, *Bridge Crosswords 2*. After all, there's a reason that Jeff is a popular contributor of puzzles to both the *New York Times* and the *Los Angeles Times*.

Just as in the first book, all 52 of the puzzles here have a bridge flavor, in both the themes and the clues. They range from Easy (about *New York Times* Monday level) to Challenging (about *New York Times* Thursday level, although a couple of them might stray into the Friday category).

Enjoy!

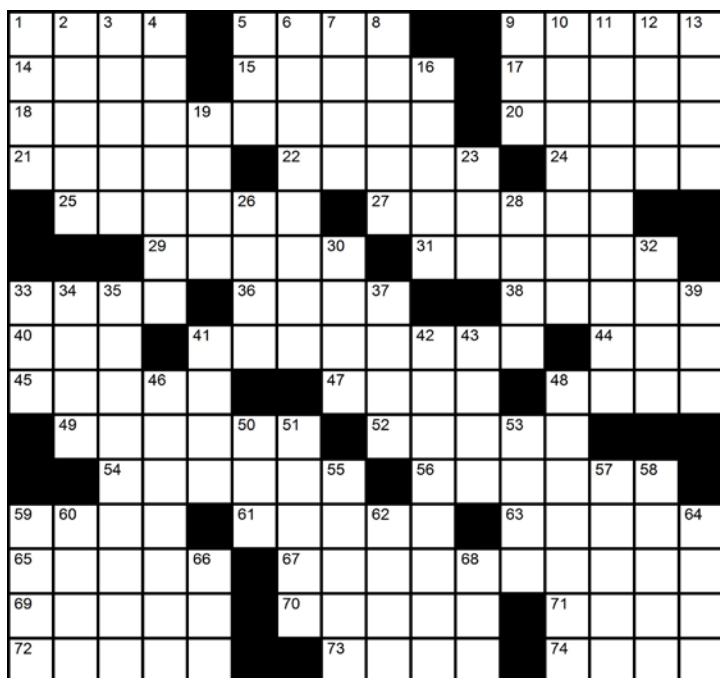
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ACROSS

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| 1. Callers of strikes | 18-, 67-Across and 11-, 35-
Down |
| 5. Leader opposed by the
Bolsheviks | 44. It's seen at the top of many
clocks |
| 9. "Oh no, you didn't!" triple-
action motion in the shape of a
letter, accompanied by sounds | 45. Jazzercise relative |
| 14. Proceed without resistance | 47. Kunis of "Black Swan" |
| 15. Superlative mark | 48. Nerve impulse transmitter |
| 17. "Consider it done" | 49. Queen toppers |
| 18. Multinational oil and gas giant | 52. Mongolian warrior |
| 20. Orange tea variety | 54. Bermuda Bowl and Venice Cup |
| 21. Mexican artist Rivera | 56. Mailed |
| 22. Roberts of "Charlie's Angels" | 59. Tennis great Nadal, to fans |
| 24. ___ out an opening (made a bid
on weak cards) | 61. Say "Aloha!" to, perhaps |
| 25. Polish or Czech | 63. Reeves of "John Wick" |
| 27. Some Italian desserts | 65. Call off, as a NASA mission |
| 29. Descriptor for N? | 67. Person who blocks a lot of
shots? |
| 31. Stand firm against, as the
temptation to overbid in
competition | 69. Impish fairy |
| 33. Options with Peter Pan: Abbr. | 70. John who wrote "No Man Is an
Island" |
| 36. God who takes a bow? | 71. Philadelphia school, for short |
| 38. People who might have trust
issues? | 72. Bob Hamman, by virtue of
residence |
| 40. Stat for an ace | 73. Major fit? |
| 41. Bridge SOS signal, sometimes
... and what can be found inside | 74. Probability calculation useful
in trying to pick up a queen,
perhaps |

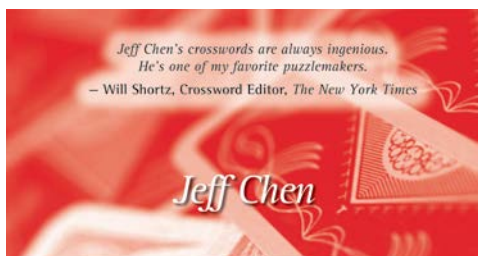
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| 1. No longer pristine | 6. The "third" of "ace-king-third,"
e.g. |
| 2. Skirts that cover most of the legs | 7. Jessica of "Dark Angel" |
| 3. Point of a hi-definition screen? | 8. Regretting, as one of Victor
Mollo's characters is known to do |
| 4. Marketers make them to create
a buzz | 9. Nada |
| 5. Scottish headwear | |

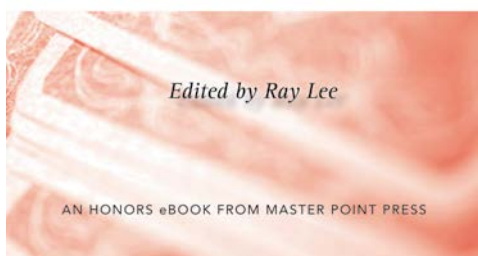


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| 10. Relative of honey | without exploring, perhaps |
| 11. Mötley Crüe's bass player | 43. ___ play (board played after regulation) |
| 12. Perennial succulent | 46. State whose capital is Munich |
| 13. Made an entreaty | 48. Show featuring oils, perhaps |
| 16. Craftier | 50. Lee of "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" |
| 19. Resurging star? | 51. Precious violin, for short |
| 23. Pint at the pub | 53. Paul who wrote "My Way" |
| 26. "So that's what your bid meant" | 55. Spanish title |
| 28. New York stadium named for a sports great | 57. Made it everyone's duty? |
| 30. Hang over one's head | 58. Propped up |
| 32. The Gorgons, for example | 59. Spellbound |
| 33. Treat for headhunters? | 60. Rose's Broadway beau |
| 34. Champagne designation | 62. One of Vulcan's workshops, according to Greek mythology |
| 35. Best Actor winner for "Ray" | 64. Coffee pots |
| 37. Follow ___ | 66. Total HCP for AKQJ |
| 39. Religious offense | 68. Neckline cut |
| 41. Like a Yarborough | |
| 42. Roaring straight to 6NT | |

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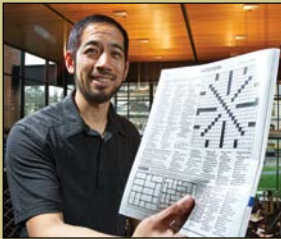
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GENERAL INTEREST

Bridge Crosswords, Jeff Chen's first book of bridge-themed crosswords, was widely acclaimed, and his many fans will welcome a second collection. They know what to expect! As before, the difficulty level of the puzzles in this book ranges from Easy (*New York Times* Monday level) to Challenging (*New York Times* Thursday/Friday level).



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