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He's one of my favorite puzzlemakers.*
– Will Shortz, Crossword Editor, *The New York Times*

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BRIDGE CROSSWORDS



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EDITOR'S INTRODUCTION

I've always been a puzzle fan, although I confess that I grew up in England with cryptic crosswords, which are still my first love. However, good cryptics are few and far between in Canada, and eventually I decided to try the *New York Times* crosswords. To my surprise, I found them not only enjoyable, but challenging, although very different from the ones I was used to. Soon the Friday, Saturday, Sunday puzzles became a regular feature of my week, and I began buying books of *New York Times* crosswords so I could take puzzles with me on long trips.

With this in my background, it was easy to say 'yes' when Jeff Chen approached me a few months ago and asked me whether we would be interested in publishing a book of bridge crosswords. It was also a chance for me to try something new — editing crosswords. Jeff's puzzles have appeared in the *New York Times* and the *Los Angeles Times*, and you will find, as I did, that he is an ingenious constructor with a good sense of humor. He has been a pleasure to work with, except for being inconsiderate enough to go on honeymoon just when we needed him to start checking proofs.

All the puzzles in this book have a bridge flavor, sometimes in unexpected ways. They range from Easy (about *New York Times* Monday level) to Challenging (about *New York Times* Thursday level). I hope you have as much fun solving them as Jeff and I did putting them together.

Ray Lee

SECTION 1:

EASY



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| 1. House of Havana | 40. Grand Life Master Mahmood |
| 5. "Terrible" czar | 41. Large book size |
| 9. Is behind | 43. Pluck |
| 13. Burden | 44. Coffeehouse music genre |
| 14. Farm storage tower | 45. Embrace |
| 15. Charges off | 47. Immobile in winter |
| 17. Bad thing to be behind | 49. Cat's attribute, so it's said |
| 19. A nephew of Donald Duck | 53. At attention |
| 20. Beehive State resident | 56. Observant of Zero Tolerance,
e.g. |
| 21. Twirl, as with thumbs | 57. Braying sound |
| 23. Harder to find | 58. Birch of "American Beauty" |
| 24. Christmas tree, typically | 59. Raven's cry |
| 26. Juicy tropical fruit | 62. Delphic prophetess |
| 28. Ming of the NBA | 63. Australian isl. |
| 29. Misbid, e.g. | 64. "Hard ___!" (helmsman's cry) |
| 31. Reader's Digest co-founder
Wallace | 65. Bell sound |
| 33. Unusual bid, sometimes | 66. Red card, of a sort |
| 37. Amigo | 67. Colorful salamander |
| 38. Topic of an old saw at the
starts of 17-, 24-, 49-, and
59-across | |

DOWN

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| 1. Heart of Le Havre | 18. Ball field covering |
| 2. "West Side Story" girl | 22. Crooked |
| 3. Placebo, sometimes | 24. Checking out |
| 4. Pile of refuse | 25. "Rhoda" star Harper |
| 5. Amazon ID | 27. Clay, today |
| 6. Airline ticket word | 29. Cover letters? |
| 7. Pledge of Allegiance closer | 30. ___-tzu |
| 8. "The Prince of Tides" star | 32. Converse competitor |
| 9. Commit morally or legally | 34. Antarctic environmental
concern |
| 10. Warren's predecessor | 35. Nada |
| 11. Avoid | 36. Common deciduous tree |
| 12. Attendance counter | 38. It's not fair |
| 16. Caught in the act | |

What Are The Odds?

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39. Abbr. for Jeanne d'Arc
42. "Right on!"
44. He goes to blazes
46. Jazz musician Evans
48. Big game?
49. D.C. ball team
50. "Gotcha, bro"
51. Weeper of myth
52. Lets off steam
54. 1970's batting champ Rod
55. Modern status update
57. Cord fiber
60. "Dig in!"
61. Brandy letters

ACROSS

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| <p>1. Irving protagonist</p> <p>5. Q.E.D. word</p> <p>9. Maori figurines</p> <p>14. "Hold it right there!"</p> <p>15. Fish also called blue jack</p> <p>16. "Yes we can" sloganeer</p> <p>17. Life story (abbr.)</p> <p>18. Briefcase fastener</p> <p>19. 1996 Madonna role</p> <p>20. Giant lizards with deeply forked tongues</p> <p>23. Digression of sorts</p> <p>25. Like molasses</p> <p>26. Native American ceremonial sauna</p> <p>30. Single malt scotch brand</p> <p>34. Today, in Tijuana</p> <p>35. Take back, for short</p> <p>36. Oral Roberts University site</p> <p>37. Last name in horror</p> <p>38. "The coast is clear!"</p> | <p>41. DSL purveyor</p> <p>42. Esau's father</p> <p>44. Sch. for youngsters</p> <p>45. Big fat zero</p> <p>46. Between, briefly</p> <p>47. Mishmash</p> <p>50. FBI figures</p> <p>52. Part of TWA</p> <p>53. Declarer play technique, and a hint to the circled letters</p> <p>59. "A Room with ____"</p> <p>60. Ellen DeGeneres's role in "Finding Nemo"</p> <p>61. Marc Antony's love, for short</p> <p>64. Temporary tattoo dye</p> <p>65. Venomous "monster"</p> <p>66. Fourth-best, often</p> <p>67. Congregation members</p> <p>68. Opening scene?</p> <p>69. Orphaned Brontë heroine</p> |
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DOWN

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| <p>1. White house letters before 16-across</p> <p>2. Sashimi serving</p> <p>3. It's a first in baseball</p> <p>4. Taiwanese temple</p> <p>5. Trump ____ (count signal)</p> <p>6. Main drag, e.g.</p> <p>7. "I get it," facetiously</p> <p>8. Head honcho</p> <p>9. Translucent mineral</p> <p>10. "Pretty please with a cherry on top?"</p> <p>11. Big name in corn syrup</p> <p>12. "That's my cue!"</p> | <p>13. Lacking, in Lyon</p> <p>21. System adopted by much of the world</p> <p>22. Pre-schoolers?</p> <p>23. Fireplace receptacle</p> <p>24. Nike's logo</p> <p>27. Service infraction</p> <p>28. Special ____</p> <p>29. Gave, as an Rx</p> <p>31. Dead end</p> <p>32. Pass out</p> <p>33. View from Vesuvius</p> <p>36. Tantalizes</p> <p>39. Math subj.</p> |
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