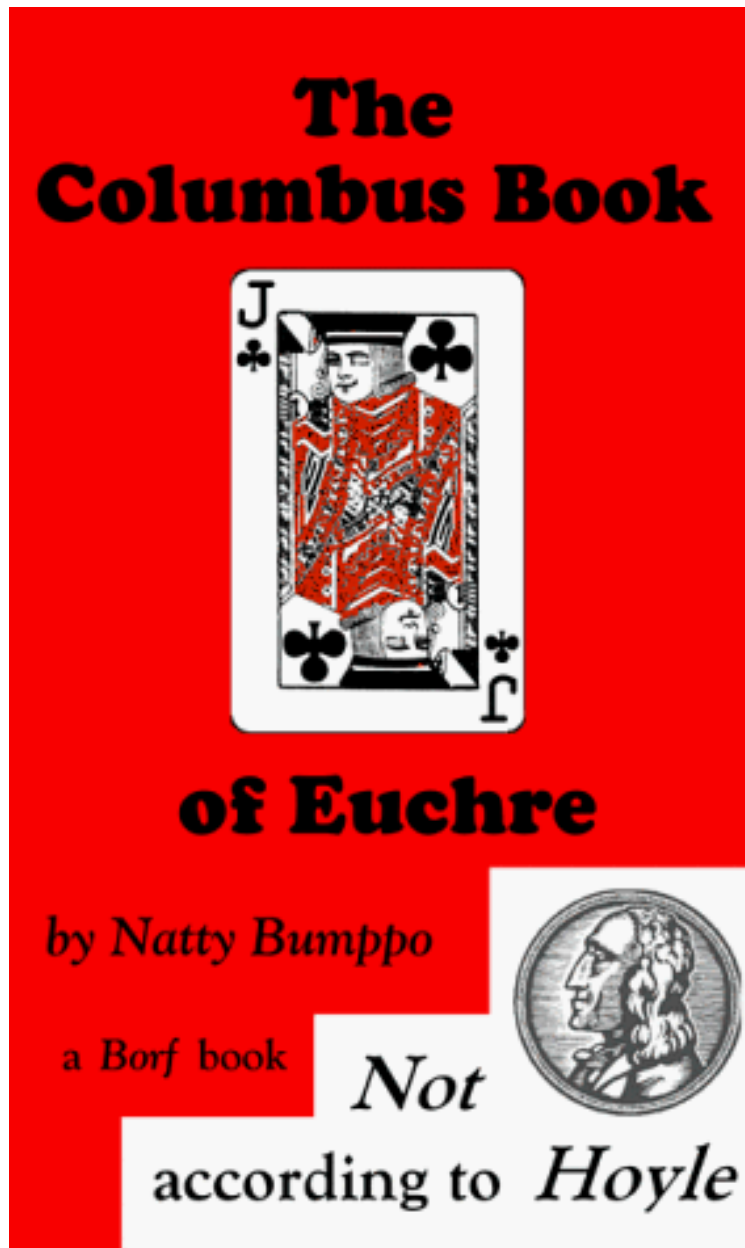


## The Columbus Book of Euchre, Second Edition

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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Ok, but not what i expected.By Rick EinhornI am not really sure where to start with this "book." There is a lot of interesting information here, but it is just not put together in a very

useful manner. There is some advice about naming trump, leading, and some explanation of why certain plays might be a good idea, but it felt a little short on real, useful guidelines for play. The author is incredibly enamored with naming everything, and while it is very folksy, it makes it tough to follow. There are pages on the "Columbus Coup" which is a play where you order up for the purpose of being euchred...just to make sure your opponent doesn't get a loner (when you are up 9-6 or 9-7). If the dealer does it, it's the "Bloomington Corollary," if you do it when your opponent has less than 6 points is apparently called the "Bubinski." If the dealer's partner ever does it, this is a terrible mistake known as the "Gnawbone Gaffe," to which the dealer is supposed to reply: "The dealer's partner is not from Columbus." It's kind of interesting, but absolutely none of this would ever happen in real life, so take it for what it's worth. Also, be aware that this is basically a computer print out stapled together with a construction paper cover. Not what I expected for the price I paid. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I used to be pretty good at Euchre. By William M. Wilson I used to be pretty good at Euchre, but I've been out of practice for probably 5-6 years. This book helped me bone up on the game and remember good strategy. It worked, too; my partner and I gave up 6 points over 3 games and won our little tourney handily! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Fun Read for Euchre Players, and Good Strategy for New Players. By Atsenaotie A fun read, takes me back to playing Euchre in the Frat house in Bowling Green. Nice history and terms I have and have not heard before. Some good strategy I had not considered in the past.

Euchre: Rules, definitions, ploys axioms for America's most exciting card game. A revision of The Columbus Book of Euchre published in 1982, with new terms, new ploys, old rules and old axioms, and new sections, including reviews of other books on euchre, a section on computer euchre, and index.

A thorough explanation. -- The Terre Haute Star, May 26, 1996 Down to earth and chock full of information. -- Joe Andrews Not only rules, but also plenty of tactics and tradition. -- John McLeod, Card Games web site Order The Columbus Book of Euchre now! You won't be disappointed! -- Davey Guild, Davey Guild's Euchre Page There are two ways to play euchre: the wrong way, and the Columbus way! There is no other euchre book! -- Double's Euchre Page on line From the Publisher The first edition of The Columbus Book of Euchre, published in 1982, was the first book published on America's most exciting card game since 1905. This second edition contains 18 more pages, an index, a more complete history of the game, new terms, new ploys and new sections, including reviews of other books on euchre. The Columbus Book of Euchre, with 20 full-color illustrations, tells you how the game is played today - not how it was played in the 19th century, as most "Hoyle" encyclopedias still do. The author has caught a lot of flak for his "s of Other Books on Euchre." For example, a recent "customer" review on .com (nominally signed, but actually anonymous) complained of "the never-ending and persistent effort of Natty Bumppo and/or his 'cronies' to discredit most other euchre authors. . . . look at the eight pages of 'put-downs' . . . ." There are ten pages of reviews, not eight. What is good about the other books is pointed out. That goes for Gary Martin's, Thomas Gallagher's, Joseph Petrus Wergin's and Joseph Andrews' books. Eight of the ten pages are highly critical, but there is no particular intent to discredit anyone. What the complainers seem to have overlooked is that the reviews are not merely "put-downs" or "put-ups." They are instructive. For example, the following instruction and insight will be found in the eight pages of reviews complained of: A discussion of why to go alone when you can. Pages 74-75. An admonition to consider your position in the hand as well as your cards. Page 75. A suggestion that it is better to play euchre by intuition than by formula. Page 75. A euchre spelling lesson. Page 76. Instruction on what to do with singletons. Page 76. Three history lessons. Pages 77, 78 and 80. An essay on euchre ethics. Page 77. A lesson in mathematical probabilities. Page 78. A lesson on when to trump your partner's ace. Page 78. A lesson in commercial promotion (it's not euchre; but it's relevant in the context). Page 79. An explanation of reasons not to "assist." Page 80. An explanation of a time to go alone with 8 points. Pages 80-81. An explanation of the difference between bidding (as in spades and bridge) and calling (as in euchre). Page 81. An explanation of the rationale for not altering the lead on a lone hand. Page 81. An explanation of scoring. Page 81. By the way, neither the author nor anyone else at Borf Books wrote any of those "Natty Bumppo fan club" reviews on .com. Neither he nor Borf Books induced them or promoted them; and neither he nor Borf Books has any idea who did write, induce or promote them. From the Author The only total "put-down" in the "s of Other Books on Euchre is of Euchre: The Grandpa Lou Way (any objections?). I make no apologies for criticism of the work of others. That's part of my job. I got an e-mail a few years ago from Joe Andrews, who is now probably the second best-selling euchre author, suggesting that authors in the same genre should not put one another down, out of concern for encouraging one another's sales. I rejected that suggestion out of hand. I reject it now. It is my duty, as an informed observer, scholar of the game and author, to flag errors in other publications. If I did not, I would be letting my readers down.