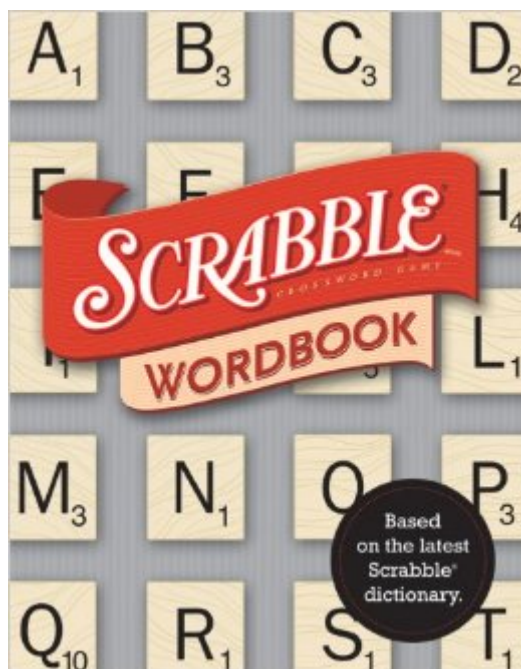


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# SCRABBLE® Wordbook



## Synopsis

Whether at an official tournament or a home kitchen table, every SCRABBLE player wants to be a winner—and these specially selected words and expert hints are guaranteed to boost scores. Based on the Official Scrabble Players Dictionary, Fourth Edition (currently one of the bestselling games and puzzles books) and with foreword by World SCRABBLE Champion Brian Cappelletto, this is the equivalent of an intensive training course. Complete with winning word lists, such as those that combine high-scoring letters, those that have a preponderance of vowels, and those that allow multiple I and U dumps, it also offers tips on hitting triple-triples and achieving those elusive 7-letter bingos. SCRABBLE, the distinctive game board and letter tiles, and all associated logos are trademarks of Hasbro in the United States and Canada and are used with permission. © 2007 Hasbro. All Rights Reserved.

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## Customer Reviews

Word lists based on 4th ed OSPD; good price, comprehensive, indexed nicely, easy to follow and some really interesting lists (ie mnemonics for the top 100 7-letter bingo stems, words with 70% vowels, short words that take surprise "s" endings, etc). Baron has gone beyond just listing "the two's", "q without u's", "jqxz's" and "word-hooks", lists (although, these lists are included); and created a really great resource for Scrabble enthusiasts. Only complaint is that word lists are printed in VERY small font, so those of us with small print issues should invest in a magnifying glass.

This book is a terrific value. It can be used in place of the Scrabble dictionary during games, and it's easier to find the words because there are no definitions, and the words are listed in alphabetical order AND alphagram order. It also gives you ideas as to what order to learn the word lists in. I would recommend, though, that as soon as you receive this book you get it spiral-bound with a coil binding at OfficeMax (cost: \$4.50). I found that the binding cracked and the pages started falling out after only two weeks. But with the new binding I can lay the book flat and study it while I'm eating, and the pages don't go anywhere.

The original holy grail for hardcore Scrabble players has been updated to match the latest North American Scrabble dictionary. Whether you're a solid living-room player looking to enter the world of Scrabble clubs, or already a hardcore Scrabble junkie looking for the ultimate edge, this book has what you need to succeed. This not only contains every acceptable word of eight and fewer letters, in two lists (one alphabetical, the other in "alphagram", e.g. aaaghlmpr, order), but also key starter lists and tools to help you learn the most important words as efficiently as possible. Highly recommended!

I guess this could be beneficial if you want to study it. But all it is is a list of words so the cons and pros are:

CONS: Just a list of words of varying length  
Very fine print - you'll need your glasses or magnifying glass depending on your sight variance and if you have a problem with reading small print.  
Some words are in non-alphabetic lists

PROS: Just a list of words of varying length  
Good 2 and 3 and 4 and 5 letter lists to study  
Some strategic word lists (such as the High Fives - words that cannot have an "s" ending and Vowel Heavy words)  
Mnemonics - if you have the gumption to study these words it offers mnemonic exercises

This book is for the Scrabble player and I mean not for the casual once a year Scrabble player but one who likes to play in a competitive or a non-competitive format but more frequently than once a week/month/year. For me it is a book that I will use to beat my brother in law; the self gloating Scrabble champ (at least he thinks he is in his own delusional part of this world). I bought it as a package with The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (definitely good book to have) and the Super Scrabble Deluxe Edition because I wanted more tiles to play with and what is good about this game is you score more. YIKES! Hope this helps anyone who has an interest in the wonderful world of Scrabble and the words that mankind has made up.

This book is very well organized and easy to follow. The lists are in order of importance/usefulness and the introductions to each section are informative and entertaining. I've been studying it

vigorously for a month or so and have seen a great improvement in my game. A must for all Scrabble lovers, especially those aspiring to tournament play!

Reasons For Purchase: Bought as a replacement copy because I wore my first one out. Review: The main problem with this book is that the authors capitulated to a publisher's demand - they left out all of the offensive words! Offensive words may be just that, however, they are legal words in tournament play - very disappointed regarding this censorship. Otherwise, even though some of the other reviewers complain about this book just being lists of words, well, news flash - that's exactly what wins tournaments - the player who knows the most "list of words" wins. The most likely bingo words, in various orders, are worth their weight in gold, as are the 3 to make 4's, 4 to make 5's, etc. Regarding hardness of the book, it does wear out fairly easy but I've scanned in the lists that I use the most, printed them out and took them over the FedEx Office and laminated them. Recommendations to authors: Put all of the words back in the dictionary!!! Use a bigger font! Use a heavier bond of paper! Recommendations to novice-intermediate buyer/user: Buy the book (and some reading glasses for small print), understand it for what it is, memorize just a few of the word lists (2's, 3's and a couple lists of the most likely bingos) - watch your average game score soar by leaps and bounds! Final note: You'll find it's amazing how many bingos you get once you know how to manage your tile rack and know what letter combinations to look for. I rarely play a game now where I don't get at least 2 bingos and it all started with the first edition of this book that I bought back in the early 90's. Now, would somebody please gimme a blank and an S please - at the same time! and while you're at it, bring me some coffee in my scrabble mug.

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