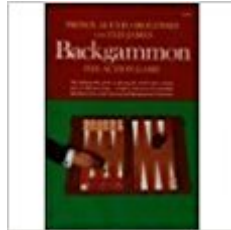




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# Backgammon: The Action Game



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

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I had intended to first try to read the other two reviews, but am somehow not sufficiently proficient to access. I do not know how anyone serious about Backgammon could rate this book any less than 5 Stars. It is perhaps not for the novice or not serious player. While I've read other books, during the time period in my life when I was very serious about backgammon, playing 3-5 nights a week both gambling and competing in tournaments, this was in fact my Bible. I would often refer back to it to see where I'd gone wrong when I knew I'd been beaten by superior strategy vs. raw luck of the roll. I directly attribute my stable financial success during the years I played/gambled seriously to this book. This book both taught me strategies which permitted me to expand my game to respond to both the luck of the dice and my opponent's strategy. Equally or vastly more importantly, it taught

me how to effectively use the doubling cube. I'm thrilled that it is back in print, since the last copy I bought just slightly used for a friend because this was my only choice was rather expensive.

I must admit..the book is kinda old 1969..1st edition..mine was 1977 tenth printing..but in excellent condition..I bought this book for my daughter as it is easy to understand and is perfect for her as a beginner..she loves reading anyway..It is a good read ..book has Complete basics, official rules of International play, illustrated examples, How to use doubling block, plus an interesting history of the game..this guide can teach you everything you need to know to play backgammon for fun or for money..

Very good book. Easy to read.

The content of the book was fine but the condition of the book was not good. It was falling apart at the spine. I glued it together again so as not to be losing pages, but this didn't turn out too well and I am afraid that it will continue to deteriorate.

Description says it is the updated 2004 edition. My copy is from 1980.

I've read it once and I'll read it again - with Magriel, you can feel your game improving with every page. If you have even a vague interest in understanding what's going on under the hood of this fascinating and utterly addictive game, then I can think of few finer places to start. Intermediate and high level players will find more than enough meat to satiate their appetite, while beginners will benefit from one of the most detailed, well written, and easy-to-understand reviews of basic goals, strategies, and odds available. Stop trawling internet sites for poorly written Backgammon tips and tricks. Just hit 'order now'. Up there at the top of the page, no - over on the right. That's it. Well done, you.

Most backgammon texts from the 1970's seem ridiculous today, but Magriel's "Backgammon" is a notable exception. It presents a well reasoned framework of play principles in a readable style, with plenty of illustrations and 4 complete sample games. Rather than just analyze the positions for you, the former World Champion teaches how to analyze them yourself. Many articles and interviews with today's champions refer to Magriel's work. Greatly improved my winning percentage and understanding of the game.

This book greatly improved my game, and I recommend it to anyone who wants one of the BEST backgammon books available. Don't let the price put you off. If you budgeted for 2 books, forget both of them and get this one. I've read this for 4 months and still won't loan it out as I still haven't worn the 'new' off of it. Gives basic frameworks and explains more technical areas of the game. This book will drastically improve your game.

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