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Backgammon: The Action Game





Synopsis

"Backgammon has been a popular favorite for centuries, both in the posh casinos and salons of the international set and in the homes of those addicted to the unique excitement of a lightning-fast game that demands equal resources of skill and luck. However formidable it may seem, backgammon is as simple to learn as poker. This illustrated guide can teach you everything you need to know to play it for fun or money."

Book Information

Paperback Publisher: Collier Books (1978) Language: English ASIN: B0015WH3LG Product Dimensions: 9 x 6 x 0.7 inches Shipping Weight: 11.2 ounces Average Customer Review: 3.3 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (3 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #3,504,752 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #69 in Books > Humor & Entertainment > Puzzles & Games > Board Games > Backgammon

Customer Reviews

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..

I assume that when this book was written (1969), publishing standards in gambling theory were lower. Computers were not available to do "brute force" calculations, so no in-depth statistical analyses were expected. Gambling wasn't so mainstream as it is today, and certain myths had not been dispelled. So while I cringe at the statement "Finally, keep in mind that in all games of chance the 'feel' of the dice must be considered," I give the authors credit for at least cataloging a list of canonical opening moves. Unfortunately, they have been viciously upstaged by Wikipedia.

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.

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