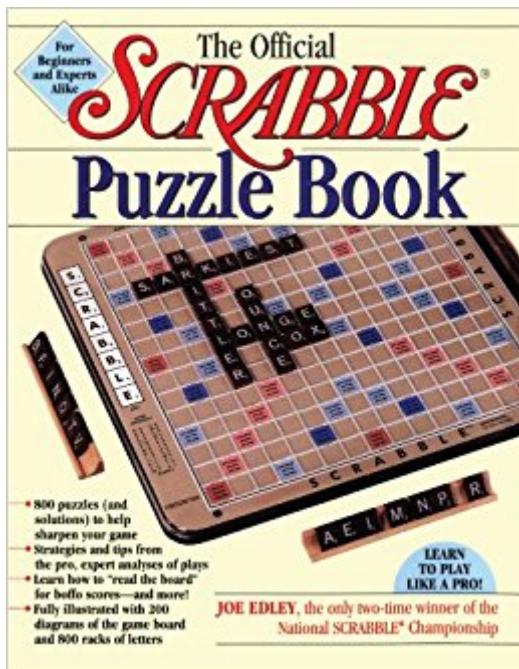


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# The Official Scrabble Puzzle Book



## Synopsis

Calling all players, beginners and experts alike! Here are the plays you can't afford to miss: 800 puzzles to sharpen your thinking and hone your crossword skills, specially designed and selected by SCRABBLE superstar Joe Edley, the only two-time winner of the National SCRABBLE® Championship and coauthor of *Everything SCRABBLE®*. Learn how to: "Read the board" and see where you can score the most points -- and where you can't. Increase your word game skills with 97 must-know two-letter words Build knockout numbers with bonus squares, two-letter words and parallel plays Score with the high-point tiles: J, Q, X, and Z Balance your rack by playing off weak three-, four-, and five-tile combinations Find the key to success with bingos and seven-letter plays Find the Ideal Play -- eight questions to ask yourself, plus the Ideal Play on computer Win at SCRABBLE -- six key factors Find the best play in real game action -- fifty actual games re-created in this book, complete with the author's analysis and computer simulation results. National champion Joe Edley aims to enhance your SCRABBLE-playing skills. Discover tips, shortcuts, and special plays in actual game situations, and a battery of increasingly complex puzzles as you learn to play with the pros.

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Joe Edley is the only North American three-time National Scrabble Champion. He was the director of clubs and tournaments for the National Scrabble Association from 1988-2009, and creator of the new non-word puzzle app Nokori.

This book is an older edition and does not have some of the modern words, but is indeed a challenge for word builders! Gives great tips about how to get around the game and score high.

As a beginner, I find the most rudimentary information lacking from this book: 1. What is the value of each letter? 2. How many tiles of each letter are there? Yes, I could look at the board, but wouldn't it be nice to have it right there in this book? Maybe it's there and I just haven't found it???????

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Good book, but hard to use if you don't know the words.

This is very useful for those of us who like playing word games, especially the page of two letter words.

Mother-in-law plays in scrabble tournaments. She is always looking for ways to outwit her competitors. She didn't have this puzzle book.

You can pick up some good tips on how to beat your opponents from two-time National Scrabble Champion Joe Edley along with some challenging puzzles in this modest Scrabble puzzle book. I particularly recommend the material on pages 194-202 where Edley suggests that you develop the habit of asking yourself questions before making a play. For example, question number one is, "Do I have a bingo?" (A good first question!) Question number two is the obvious, Which bonus squares are available, but question number three really gets to the nitty-gritty of good play: "Can you 'hook' any words? Look at every word already on the board and ask yourself if any single letter can be added to the front or back to form another word." Also important is question number four: "What will my 'leave' be after I've made my play?" Too often the beginning player does not pay enough attention to the tiles he or she is going to be stuck with after a play. Sometimes, Edley advises, it is better to make a lower-scoring play in order to leave oneself with tiles likely (with a little help) to form

a bingo. The bulk of the book is devoted to Scrabble puzzles on various themes, e.g., "Placing your letters on hot spots

This book is excellent as it contains many ways to improve and verify your Scrabble skills. There are many new games and approaches, which can range from novice to challenging. It contains many new words and methods of setting up the board during play, and if one really examines the games, one will certainly improve their Scrabble skills. As well, there are many games provided that will take hours to decipher and play.

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