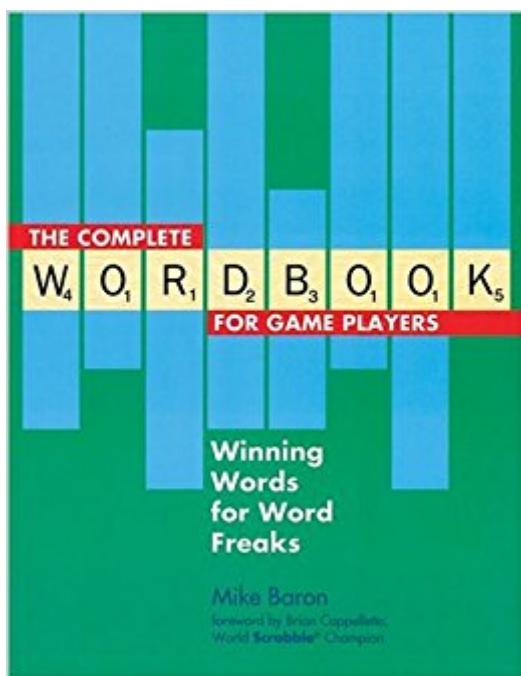


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# The Complete Wordbook For Game Players: Winning Words For Word Freaks



## Synopsis

Lovers of Scrabble® and other language-based games will boost their chances to win with these huge, incredibly thorough word lists. Study them to increase your vocabulary, especially of words with hard-to-use letters like J, Q, X, and Z. Learn how to use those letters to understand the different letter combinations that frequently come up, and to get more "hooks," those letters that can extend words already on the board for extra points. There are also a few "cheat sheet" that includes 2 and 3 letter words and their hooks, vowel dumps, and more. Load up on vowel-heavy words, including ones with multiple I's and U's. Find out which short words don't take S endings, or which finish in a surprise S. Get the best of the bingos, as well as alphagrams. The introduction comes from World Scrabble® Champion Brian Cappelletto.

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The vast majority of this book is for the advanced player trying to learn bingos. Beginners would be better off with another book. But for the advanced player, this is a great resource. I haven't found another book with such comprehensive list of 7 and 8 word bingos and their stems.

The subtitle "Winning Words for Word Freaks" seeks to build on the bestseller "Word Freaks" by Stefan Fatsis, but is a bit misleading. Better would have been "Winsome Lists for Word Game Lovers". It is not necessary to attain expert proficiency in order to enjoy word games more.

Sometimes just a little proficiency makes the difference between not enjoying and enjoying a word game. The bulk of the book at the end is for reference. The lists that will make a real difference to you are found towards the beginning: Complete lists of short words with difficult-to-use letters such as Q and J; words with their hooks (single-letter additions that form words); words with many vowels; and much, much more. These lists can help with crosswords, Boggle, or any word game, but the emphasis is on Scrabble. There's even a cleverly constructed game in which a hypothetical player comes back from a deficit of more than 700 points. There's not quite as much focus on the meanings of words as one might have hoped, but there is an interesting list of words such as CUTE which take unexpected plurals (CUTES is really the plural of CUTIS). Some of the most interesting material is autobiographical in nature, and highlights how word games like Scrabble are not at all just for freaks. The author's "unsolicited advice" is about the sagest I have ever seen, and can be modified to suit a wide variety of life situations. Having known him off and on for over twenty years, I am sure he will not object if I leave it to you to buy his book to find out what this advice is.

This book provides a huge amount of helpful information for amateur Scrabble players who want to improve their game. When my husband and I got it six or seven years ago we used it to help learn three letter words. That was only the beginning. The book has chapters on high point tiles, the best tiles for making sevens and much more. The part I like is best is the exhaustive list of anagrams (which for some reason the authors call alphagrams) - great for the player who thought he or she had a seven couldn't come up with one, and wants to see after the game whether one was out there.

Do not be fooled by the reference to Word Freak, a wonderful but different book describing scrabble personalities. Much of the "lists" can be easily found using computers. The print size is too small employing an annoying font even in the small number of semi-useful pages. Junk. Save your money, people!

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