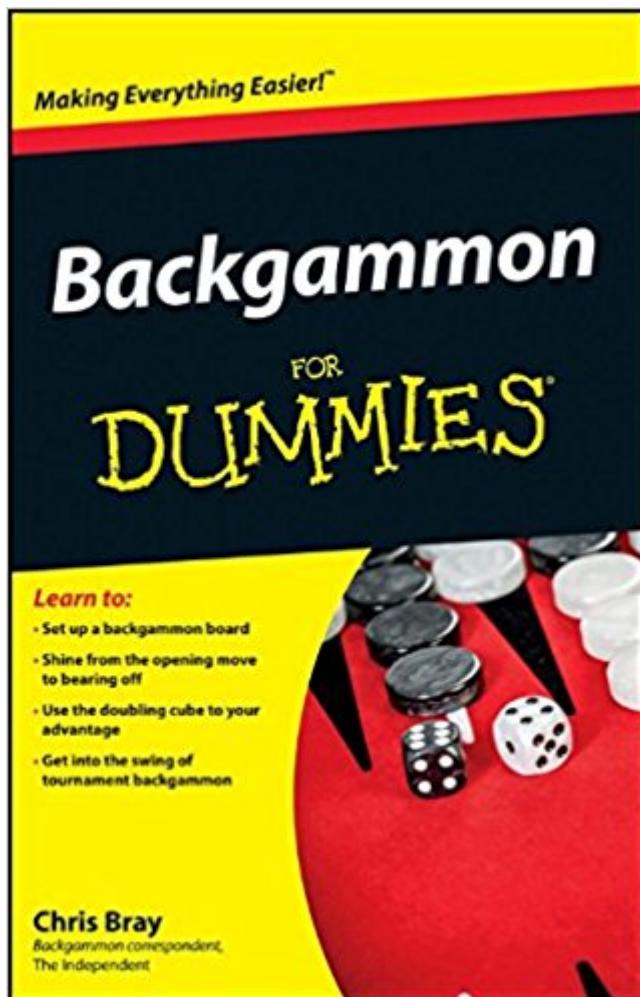


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Backgammon For Dummies



Synopsis

A comprehensive and fun guide to Backgammon! Backgammon is one of the oldest games in the world, the origins of which date back some 5000 years — and it's still going strong. It enjoyed a huge resurgence in the 1970s, and then again in the 1990s with the popularity of the Internet, where millions of people play tournaments online every day. Today, backgammon's following in the UK is huge, with a dedicated British Isles Backgammon Association, and hundreds of face-to-face tournaments taking place across the UK every year. In this book, backgammon expert Chris Bray walks you through the basics of setting up a board, opening strategies, middle and end-game tactics, and tips on when to make key moves. You'll also get to grips with basic probabilities, the doubling cube and the 25% rule. And if you want to take your gaming further, there's plenty of advice to get you started in tournament backgammon, as well as playing online. Suitable for both beginners and experienced player looking for more tips and techniques, Backgammon For Dummies includes coverage on: Starting and Playing the Game Handling the Middle Game Bearing Off (The Last Lap) Varying the Play About the author

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One can learn methods that one hadn't dreamed of learning, when playing the game of backgammon. I bought the book for my housemate, who's never learned to play the game, till she purchased her own backgammon game. She's learned quite a bit since she began to read the book. I'm already an avid player of the game, but she's teaching me more new tricks I never thought existed. I would recommend this book to anyone who wishes to improve their game.

Good overview and playing tips. Great refresher summary - used to play a lot, and now getting more time to play more

Okay, I have two copies (don't ask) of The Backgammon Book by Jacoby and Crawford, a competent and informative (if somewhat dry) tome that aided me immensely thirty years ago. So why this one? I got it because it was recommended to me. A fresh take, my friend said. Well, yeah, it is. It's a little snappier, more modern, and of course well-illustrated; but more to the point, it talks to the reader. It's more of a conversation than a textbook. That's true of most of the Dummies books, I suppose, so nothing unique. I recommend it most to backgammon newbies; old-time players can also benefit. A worthy addition to any serious player's library.

It's okay, but learned just as much from a free UTube video on how to play the game.

This book is helping us with our game play.

I bought this book in preparation for a friend's game day party. I have played backgammon sporadically since the 1970's but not proficiently. This book is full of tips and finally taught me how the doubling dice was used and when and how to use it. It has tables of probability in it. It has improved my game. I am more than happy with this purchase.

Great fundamental training. If you can do the things in this book, you can probably beat 90% of backgammon players.

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