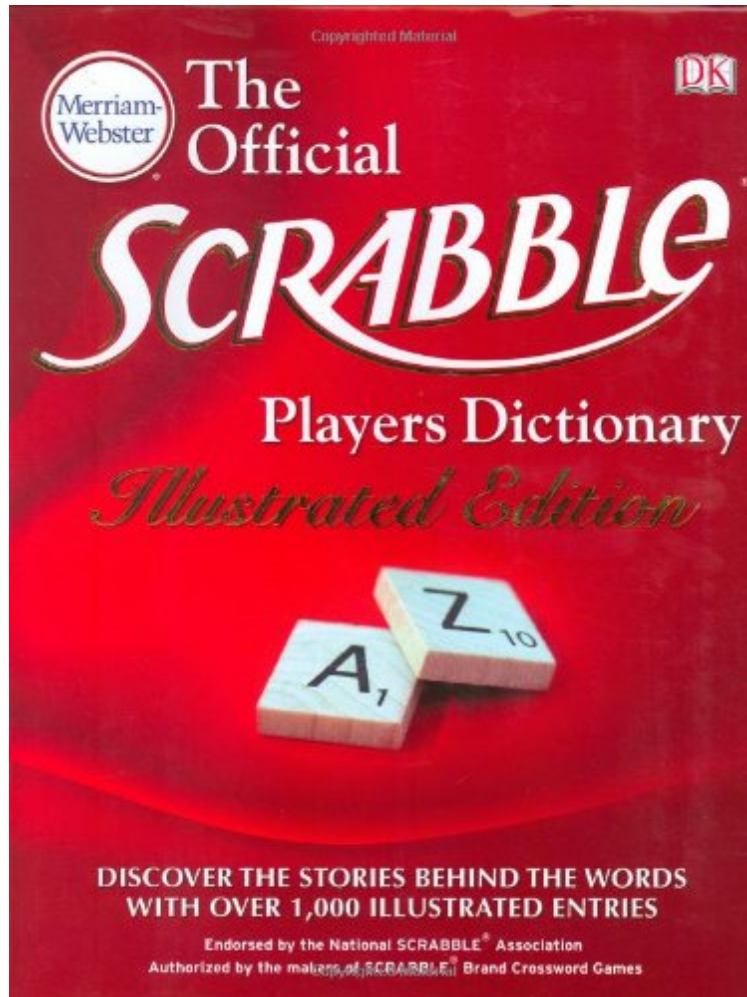


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I wouldn't say I hate it because it is easy to read By Shirley L. I purchased this dictionary in my early enthusiasm for playing Scrabble. I paid about \$70 for it which is way too much for what it provides. A much cheaper paperback version would suffice for the average Scrabble player. I didn't know I'd come to prefer the Tournament Word List which doesn't exclude politically incorrect words as this does. Words such as Jew, for example, are not included in this book. This dictionary also doesn't include the pronunciation of words

which for its cost it should. The tournament word list also doesn't include pronunciations or even definitions, but it is inclusive of all words allowed in tournament Scrabble games sanctioned by the National Scrabble Players Association. I wouldn't say I hate it because it is easy to read, due to the large size of its fonts, and its illustrations of many words are often informative. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Not in "very good" condition

By cschwaegerle
I bought this dictionary used as a Christmas gift because I couldn't afford it new... or so I thought. The book was listed as being in "very good" condition so I had high expectations. However, when it arrived I was greatly disappointed. The edges of the dust cover are pretty beat up and it's dirty and has what appear to be smudge stains on it. The inside of the cover has writing on it from its previous owner which greatly annoys me because although it's used, I would like to play it off as new since it's a gift but now that's virtually impossible. The worst part is that on the inside of the dust cover the original price of the book is listed from when it was first sold in 2008 (4 yrs ago), it was \$35.00. I bought it used and as an older edition and I bought it for \$41.00. I'm upset to say the least, clearly I've been ripped off and I will most definitely be sending this book back!

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful book, handy layout

By M. Stewart
This dictionary is a joy to browse, and organized for easy use when your Scrabble partner plays a dubious word. There are usually one or more sidebars on every page; many with full-color illustrations, giving more information in one of four areas: origin, extended definitions, fun facts about the word, or detailed illustrations. The format is very useful, with all the various forms in bold, followed by a brief definition: FORM v -ED -ING -S to produce FORMABLE adj FORMABLY adv All variant spellings are listed, and Canadian forms flavour the listing too. For words whose meaning are obvious when the prefix of re- or un- are added, those words are listed without any definitions in a multi-page sidebar; very handy. The lists of words in the back are quite helpful; I didn't know there were so many 8 letter words with five vowels! Almost two pages worth. I appreciate that since this dictionary is for a family game, words that would get a vulgar warning in the normal dictionary are not included. So sorry, Billy, you can't look up swear words!

The book *The Cuckoo's Egg: Tracking a Spy Through the Maze of Computer Espionage* mentions a word jaeger used by a computer hacker that helps the author figure out the hacker's location, and the author found out the meaning from a Scrabble fan! So it is nice to look up that word in this dictionary.

The wildly popular word game, Scrabble(r), was conceived by Alfred Mosher Butts, an architect out of work during the Depression, and was trademarked in 1948. More than 40 years later, over 100 million Scrabble sets had sold worldwide, including 30 million in the USA alone. And, in 1991, shortly after the fall of the Berlin Wall and the dissolution of the Soviet Union, the first worldwide Scrabble tournament had been scheduled. With so many Scrabble aficionados, and the solid success of other Scrabble dictionaries, especially the Merriam-Webster titles, the time is right to add an illustrated dictionary to the Scrabble lexicon, using the Merriam-Webster text.