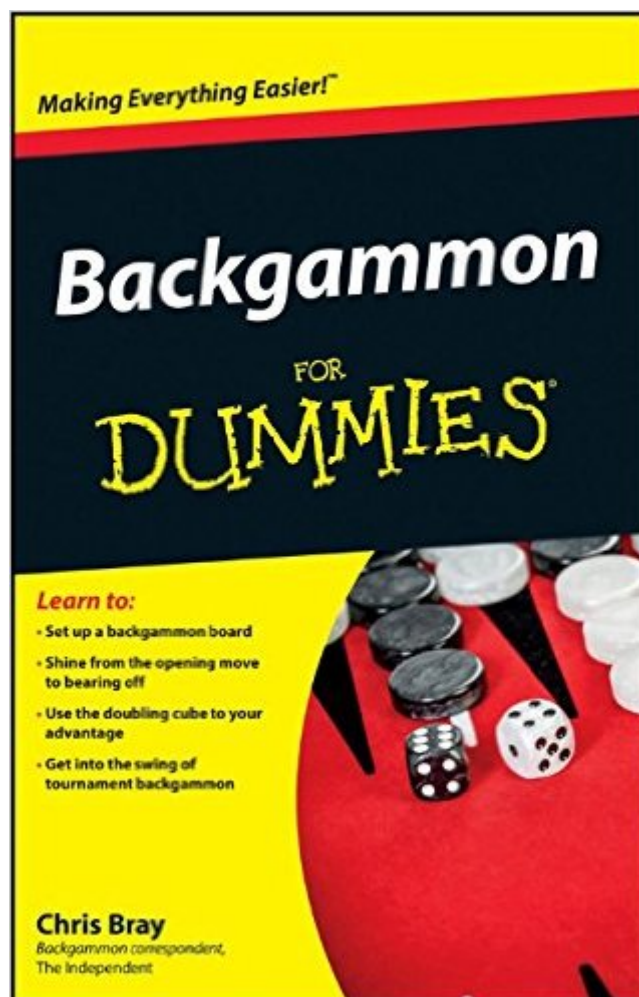


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# Backgammon For Dummies



## 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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## Customer Reviews

This is exactly what I was looking for. I have managed to get to mid-3000’s on yahoo backgammon without ever reading any BG theory book; So, I was not a beginner. I needed something easy-read to learn more about BG game, match and tournament nuances, to read expert recommendations and also, to improve on mathematical understanding of doubling strategy, perhaps the most difficult part of BG match. I read the book in 3 days. Easy to read, easy to understand, easy to memorize,

easy to improve game, and well worth of money! Well done. Highly recommend for every beginner and intermediate level player.

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.

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.

Excellent beginner book probably the best but .. forget the 8, 9, 12 race rule instead google the Keith Count - much easier to use and more accurate. Also avoid Partygammon the site he recommends - he no longer recommends it. After this if you want the real deal Backgammon Bootcamp (makes sure it's the 2nd edition) by Walter Trice is a book I reread (and I won my country's National Backgammon champs)

It's been very helpful. We played this many years ago and wanted to get this as a refresher. We don't bet, so I probably could have used the instructions in the game itself. In any case, reading the strategies is very interesting.

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.

I've tried many times to get the hang of this game from the manuals that came with the game, but

no luck. Then I picked up this book and was finally able to understand the game. Its we worth the cost, thanks.Dave Kerridge

This book is all right for what it is. I don't recommend Dummies books for anyone trying to learn a subject in depth. There are almost always more useful books out there for beginners.Chris Bray's other books (e.g. What Colour Is the Wind?; Second Wind; Backgammon for Blood) are much more worth reading than this one. The best value this book has is to pique the interest of those who are inclined to buy a Dummies book. It has information about valuable backgammon resources, and that's a good springboard for further investigation of the game.

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