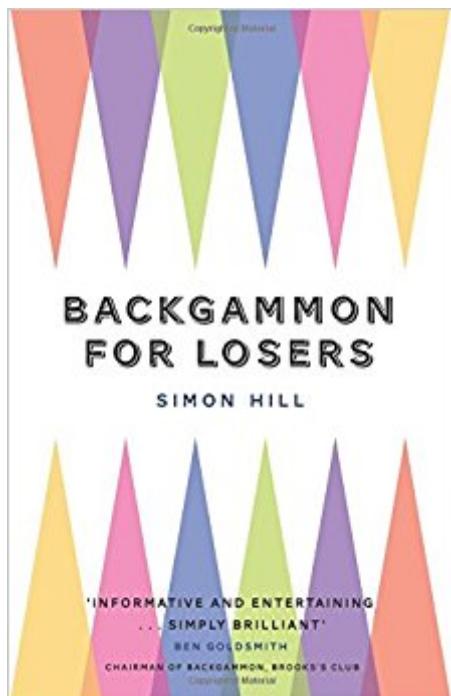


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## Customer Reviews

Packed with examples, photos and anecdotes, and written by a UK team member, this book combines professional experience with humour to offer the backgammon 'loser' an accessible guide to winning at backgammon. No other game combines luck and skill so deliciously, and by following some simple guidelines and strategies - which are covered in this book - you'll be able to win against most players most of the time. "The best book on the market for the novice both in terms of its informative content and its style. There has for a long time been a need for a clear book for basic players to understand better how to become consistently good at backgammon. At last, here is a definitive and entertaining guide to playing and winning at backgammon." Michael Crane, British Isles Backgammon Association

good book was good and funny

A silly little backgammon book, dressed up as a serious one. It issues from what is essentially a vanity press. I bought this with the idea that it might be just the ticket for someone who's only mildly interested in the game--someone who would like to improve, but not willing to tackle Magriel or Robertie. I'm afraid it falls short as a book of instruction. Some of the advice it gives is quite sound,

but it is also riddled with errors, and fails to mention lots of points that are at least as important as the ones it discusses. I find it hard to believe that an undoubted expert like Phil Simborg really reviewed it for the accuracy of its content. Even if Phil had decided to keep his hands off the shallow and simplistic advice, he never would have passed on the many mathematical errors. Good players, if they have no other mathematical ability, know how to count shots. But Simon Hill repeatedly miscounts them. The one redeeming element of the book (and hence the reason for my second star) are the pictures. Hill has pictures of a wide variety of celebrities, from J. Edgar Hoover to Mick Jagger, playing backgammon. Unlike some other reviewers, I found most of the anecdotes tedious--they're mostly from Hill's own very limited experience. Unfortunately, I conclude that the title is all too accurate--the book is for losers who want to remain losers.

This is the best backgammon book on the market. I don't write book reviews usually - this is a book that I found surprisingly fun to read.

A fascinating and nostalgic combination of photographs and anecdotes combine to make this a really good read. It not only gently coaxes an understanding of the "real" way to play the game without being pompous, but as a "returner" to backgammon, having played more years ago than I care to admit, and then only in a casual way, I can see that if I put my mind to the technical stuff I could possibly even win a few games. However, the stories to me are the real treat about this book. It's as though someone very charismatic is actually talking to me, and not lecturing me, and good as the tech stuff undoubtedly is, I leave that part of the book to the more intelligent and technical reader! So very enjoyable.

Like many other casual players, I underestimated the skill involved in backgammon until I played - and consistently lost to - people who knew what they were doing. This book is a great way of bridging the gap, learning to beat 'most people, most of the time' and to compete with good players without at least making a fool of oneself! It's also a fun read, well illustrated and really clearly written.

I have read a lot of books on backgammon in a bid to get my rating on Gridgammon down. Most are boring and too technical to follow beyond the obvious stuff that most pro players know anyway. And way too mathematical. This book was entertaining and written in non-geeky style so that the strategies are practical and highly effective. My rating has improved by 150 points in three weeks using simple to follow calculations on odds and strategy, particularly with the cube. And written by a

Brit!!!! Awesome

I enjoyed this book particularly the stories and photographs and the writer's easy style. The lessons were good early on but became more technical than I needed in later chapters especially regarding doubling. I enjoyed the final chapters talking about his life and backgammon intertwine. Overall, I think this is good value.

It's rare to find a book that's so excellently instructive to be equally charming and entertaining. Simon Hill has pulled this off in spades, and in relation to a game for all. Incredibly well researched and illustrated, with delightful anecdotes (many of them autobiographical), this book should sell by the truckload. An excellent Christmas idea, and if you're feeling generous you can throw in a backgammon set with it.

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