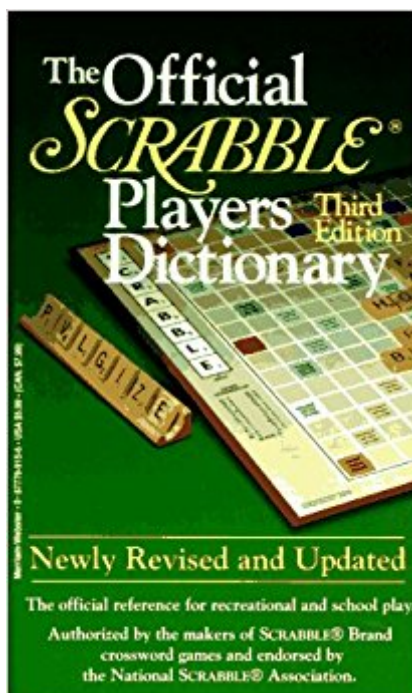


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# The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Third Edition)



## Synopsis

A newly revised and updated edition of the book that millions of Scrabble players call their bible. Authorized by the makers of Scrabble Brand crossword games and endorsed by the National Scrabble Association for recreational and school use.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

If you're using the 1991 edition or the 1978 original, you're woefully behind the Scrabble-playing times. With more than 100,000 2- to 8-letter words, there are some interesting additions ("aargh," "aarrgh," and "aarrghh" are all legitimate now), while words they consider offensive are no longer kosher. Why subscribe to the Scrabble dictionary's changeable lexicon? Well, it ends the argument of whose dictionary to use, but the main reason is that it's the winner's dictionary, and why play Scrabble if not to win? Memorize those 2- and 3-letter words, and your Scrabble game becomes lethal.

The Merriam brothers desired a continuity of editorship that would link Noah Webster's efforts with their own editions, so they selected Chauncey A. Goodrich, Webster's son-in-law and literary heir, who had been trained in lexicography by Webster himself, to be their editor in chief. Webster's son William also served as an editor of that first Merriam-Webster dictionary, which was published on September 24, 1847. Although Webster's work was honored, his big dictionaries had never sold well. The 1828 edition was priced at a whopping \$20; in 13 years its 2,500 copies had not sold out.

Similarly, the 1841 edition, only slightly more affordable at \$15, moved slowly. Assuming that a lower price would increase sales, the Merriams introduced the 1847 edition at \$6, and although Webster's heirs initially questioned this move, extraordinary sales that brought them \$250,000 in royalties over the ensuing 25 years convinced them that the Merriams' decision had been abundantly sound. The first Merriam-Webster dictionary was greeted with wide acclaim. President James K. Polk, General Zachary Taylor (hero of the Mexican War and later president himself), 31 U.S. senators, and other prominent people hailed it unreservedly. In 1850 its acceptance as a resource for students began when Massachusetts ordered a copy for every school and New York placed a similar order for 10,000 copies to be used in schools throughout the state. Eventually school use would spread throughout the country. In becoming America's most trusted authority on the English language, Merriam-Webster dictionaries had taken on a role of public responsibility demanded of few other publishing companies.Â

I am no longer laughed out of the room by my friends for my old, Old, OLD Scrabble dictionary. I believe mine was, ahem, the second edition \*blush\*. No wonder I wasn't allowed to bring it anymore! Love this updated version, and it's refreshing to be able to actually FIND modern words in it! Thank you, my friends will now have to find another reason to laugh at me!

My family loves playing Scrabble, especially over the holidays. While playing this year, we realized that our Scrabble dictionary was very outdated. I didn't to surprise my mom with a new for her birthday and was so surprised when I found this one on ! it is a great price and exactly what I was going to find! my mom loves it!

Does the 5th Edition of the Official Scrabble Dictionary use words that are valid only in Scrabble games? It had been my understanding that it was useful also for Words with Friends, however, I have discovered that some words, which are totally valid in any region of the country, are not valid in playing WWF. This was quite a shock to me. I have, for years, been using the Second College Edition of the Webster's New World Dictionary, even though I realize that many new words have been recognized since I purchased that book, and its past time that I purchase a later version, but I don't understand why some valid words are not listed in this scrabble dictionary. I will, from this point on, make a list of other words that have been omitted or are not recognized in this part of the United States, as I know that differences do exist from one region to another, but before I purchase another book, I would like to know just how valid the words are in the California area.

Having played Scrabble off and on for years and used opponent's dictionary, I finally decided to get my own. Don't understand why some words are "legal" but it's a good aid for learning new words. For people who really enjoy playing Scrabble, strongly recommend. However, our more favorite word game is KEESDROW which can be played with so many variations and at such varied levels of difficulty that it's wonderful for kids or for adults, or even played by just one person. And it can be played for a few minutes or longer, as desired. We never end a Scrabble game until all the letters are used, but sometimes it's not selected for game time because it can take so long.

If you play scrabble frequently, this is a MUST. The larger hardback book is a nice quality and will last. The words are very simplified with normal dictionary functions, and short but sweet definitions. Great for school age kids to search and learn simple definitions. I'm sad I didn't have it all along! The best part? No more arguing about permitted words! Thank you!

It's just the handiest word book for Scrabble. The selection of useful words at the back of the book is also interesting--most of these are words we have never heard before so we've actually read it. We have this theory that once you see a word you may not actually remember it but once in a while when you're looking at your tiles, something just sorta looks familiar. You look it up & BAM! You hit this awesome word no one ever heard before!

This dictionary is an essential reference for any serious or even frequent Scrabble player. The biggest advantage of this particular dictionary is that it standardizes what is acceptable when playing. Anyone who has ever played without an agreement on what constitutes the acceptable words knows that there are far too many dictionaries out there to easily agree upon one without an official version such as this. That being said, it is not a dictionary that one can use to get definitions of words. Many times it will only define one usage of a word even when there are others as its purpose is really just to list what is acceptable in Scrabble play. It is invaluable in terms of listing words that a regular Scrabble player needs to know such as two letter words, 'Q' words that don't require a 'U', etc. One who is a frequent player will probably want to supplement this by getting a list of two letter words from the National Scrabble Association. That is definitely a good idea as it would be very difficult to be a very competent player without knowing all of those. This dictionary does list countless words that a player may need in different situations such as qat, suq, zyzyva, etc. It also contains all of the latest words that a hard core player will need including such two letter essentials

as qi, ki, oi, and fe. The fourth edition also includes many words that have become commonplace in recent years such as spam, email, blog, latte, etc. This is clearly the best word judging book for non tournament Scrabble players (There is a different book for club and tournament players that also contains offensive words. This is the family version). It is an essential.

I updated my Scrabble Dictionary with this new volume. It has newer words such as "Qi."

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