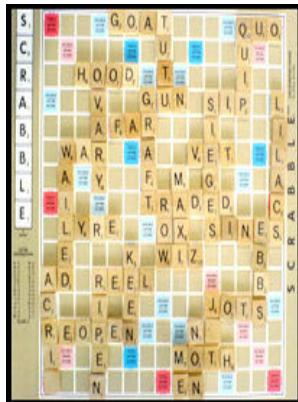


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Along the way, Fatsis chronicles his own obsession with the game and his development as a player from novice to expert.

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Fans of the game should be enthralled while those of us who are recreational users might find the word play sections a bit much. Still, I think, he could be a little more generous.

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It is a hot, humid, windless Sunday afternoon in August 1997 in New York City, an asphalt-and-concrete circle of hell. In Rosemary's Baby, Mia Farrow uses Scrabble tiles to figure out that the name of her friendly neighbor Roman Castevet anagrams to that of a witch named Steven Marcato. I was totally stumped by so many of the words that players came up with in the stress of competition.

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Higher brows love it, too. I had proposed a game against Williams as a starting point for the quest I had hatched with friends on New Year's Day: to become a competitive Scrabble player. That list is actually unusual insofar as most of the words are recognizable -- many of the acceptable Scrabble words are decidedly unfamiliar.

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Competitive Scrabble attracts a wide array of individuals, and learning about them and their eccentricities was one of my favorite things about the book. I lose to Diane three more times in the park.

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He is eight years my senior and mathematically inclined; he scored a perfect 800 on his SAT and taught me square roots when I was in the second grade.

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