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Tens and twenties are exchanged and surreptitiously pocketed with a glance over the shoulder.

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I needed, horrors, a hobby. Matthew seems to have a predilection toward random proclamations about Scrabble, language, or virtually any other subject.

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Need to learn my threes. I am slightly familiar with the world of competitive chess and the regulars of bingo- of competitive sports as well.

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Excerpted by permission of Houghton Mifflin. For enthusiastic amateurs like me I have the original score cards from games with my father more than 50 years ago , Scrabble is an enjoyable brain exercise and genteel social activity. A lingering Q is like an unwanted houseguest, gnawing on your nerves, consuming your attentions, refusing to take the hint and get lost.

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Fatsis clearly doesn't regard Scrabble as just 'a board game,' and he tells us its history in loving detail. He learns that in order to become a champion Scrabble player, you have to make it your life: study constantly, develop anagramming skills, memorize 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 letter words and their modifiers, and learn and re-learn the combinations of letters to make all-important bingos the 50 point bonus earned by using all 7 letters on your rack.

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He describes his initial frustration at losing to the blue hair set to even more frustration at not grasping expert game strategies. Matthew tells me he is a poet. Not many, true, but they do exist.

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