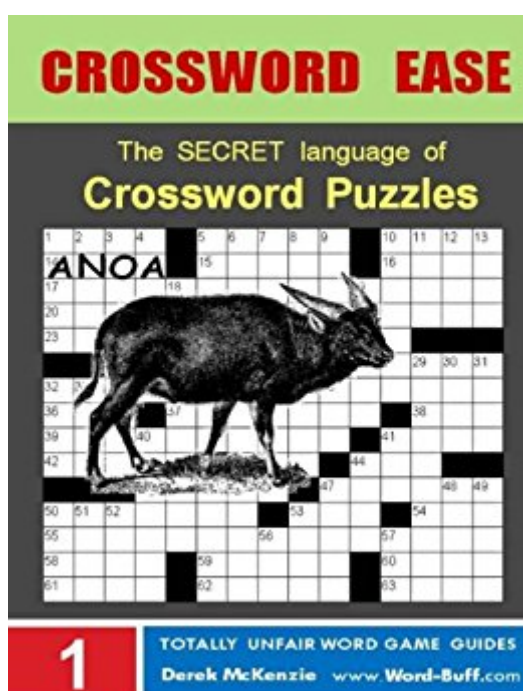


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Do You Know What ELAND, DACHA, and ATTAR Mean? In this little book I'll help you decode the clues that stop most of us from finishing our morning newspaper crossword puzzle. I'm talking about those crazy words you never seem to meet in the real world, but which turn up time and time again to ruin your morning solve. Don't worry. You won't forget them after you've seen them come to life in pictures, spent a few minutes reading their entertaining story, and browsed the typical crossword clues used to warn you that they may be lurking. And while you're at it, you'll learn a whole bunch of fascinating stuff about how puzzles are made and how their makers try to trick us at every corner! But the obscure words you'll master in these colorful pages will prepare you for much more than crossword puzzles. You can use them to kick butt in Scrabble, Words With Friends, Lexulous, Text Twist, Spelling Bees, or a million other vocabulary games. Or, if you prefer, just intimidate your friends by casually sprinkling your dinner party conversations with words like RIA, EMIR, and OGEE. Oh, and in case you're wondering about the book's title: 'Crossword Ease' is a play on the term 'Crosswordese', which is the in-house lingo used by crossword puzzle aficionados to describe obscure words that turn up repeatedly in crosswords.

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Not the book that I wanted. Does not help with crossword puzzles. I did learn about words and their origins.

Well researched and detailed info on common puzzle words that help with retention. I'm a beginning Scrabbler, and this little books gives great new words, as well as bonus words included in the background stories. I've already scored game points using what I read. Looking forward to the next one!

because I already knew most of the words and I'm not a particularly advanced puzzler. Then I read on and realized that Derek gave more info - related words, alternate spellings, clues as listed by most compilers/editors. What he termed "marginala" was most interesting to me - facts sort-of related to the word in question. I've gone back to the beginning so I can read again, little by little.

Great choice of words, presented well, and structured to help the reader remember them. Lots of pictures, links to videos, puns/jokes and the like. In fact, Derek's sense of humor throughout made for a fun read - no small achievement for such a dry subject (even for the word game obsessed).

This man really knows what we Wordies need. Keep up the good work Derek I would be lost without your books.

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