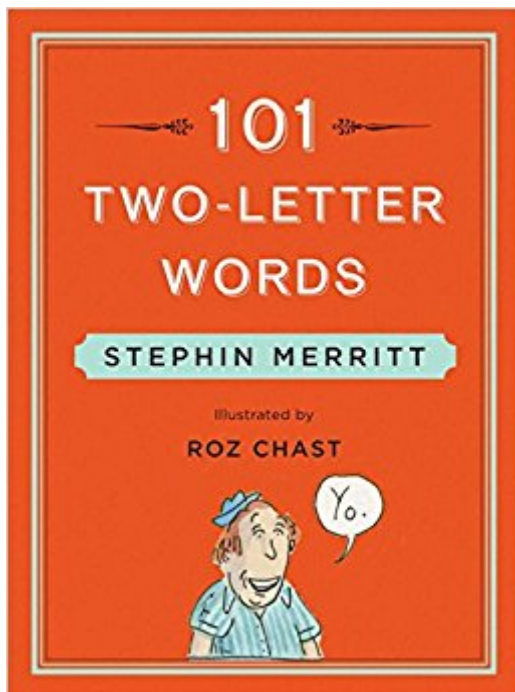


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101 Two-Letter Words



Synopsis

A one-of-a-kind celebration of the 101 two-letter words allowed in Scrabble. Rolling Stone has called singer-songwriter Stephin Merritt of the Magnetic Fields "the Cole Porter of his generation"; O, The Oprah Magazine has hailed cartoonist Roz Chast as "the wryest pen since Dorothy Parker". Together they have crafted a wonderfully witty book that is sure to prove useful to Scrabble players and Words With Friends addicts and to delight anyone in thrall to the weirder corners of the English language. With the mordant wit and clever wordplay of Edward Gorey or Shel Silverstein, Stephin Merritt has written an original four-line rhyming poem for each of the 101 two-letter words included in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary. Here are poems about familiar words (such as at, go, hi, no, and up) as well as obscure ones (such as aa, ka, oe, qi, xu). And every one of the 101 poems is accompanied by a full-color illustration by the incomparable cartoonist Roz Chast. 101 Two-Letter Words is perfect for any language lover or Scrabble player (it may even improve your score!). 101 color illustrations

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Customer Reviews

This is a great book for Scrabble players. I am always looking for 2 letter words to use against my son when I play Scrabble. The book is simple in that each page is one word and so it is 101 pages long. It is very handy to read and then try to remember the words that can be used during a Scrabble game. It is a Scrabble fan's friend.

Love the idea, anyone playing scrabble should have some idea of what the words they are using

actually mean, instead of just memorizing them for the purpose of scoring points. Unfortunately, the month after this book came out, Scrabble officially added four more two letter words to the official Tournament word list. So I hope Stephin Merritt will make up some great new rhymes to help us learn the meanings of DA, GI, PO and TE!

This has to be a no-brainer - witty poems from the guy behind the Magnetic Fields, and accompanying cartoons by the funniest cartoonist in the US. Worth every penny, and a perfect stocking stuffer gift for anybody with a detectable pulse.

As both a Scrabble player and fan of The Magnetic Fields band, I really enjoyed this book. My mother would always beat me at Scrabble with her use of dubious 2-letter words which I was always afraid to challenge, and it was a good thing, because according to this book, most of them were real words! Mr. Merritt uses the words in quirky little poems to help the reader understand how the words are used, and to also entertain. It's a nice little book with great & fun artwork by Chast, perfect for gifts to any etymologists or linguists in your group of friends and family.

If you want to peek quickly at bare essentials, you have to take off a piece of the book's clothing. So, let's take off the jacket. Not to worry, no embarrassment just yet. Since Mr. Merritt is a he, and Ms. Chast is a she, some might find the cover to be a bit androgynous. Wait! Mr. Merritt discusses "androgyny" and Ms. Chast indirectly pictures "down there" on their pages for "AN." With a little imagination, no trouble figuring out what's going on or, should I say, coming off. That's one instance where an adult slant appears here and there in the book. But I digress. Let me grasp again the "bare essentials." The book has no Table of Contents and no Index. But since the two-letter words appear in alphabetic order, finding yours should only take a moment . . . or maybe two. The pictures and poems are worth any slowing down. Removing the book's jacket for a peek reveals that all 101 two-letter words are EMBOSSED IN ALPHABETIC ORDER starting on the FRONT COVER and ending on the BACK. What could be a faster "quickie" than that? Please forgive my ignoring that the embossing is BLACK ON BLACK. Call it a fun book.

sweet and funny present for my Sister, with whom I share a couple of very apropos guilty pleasures: we are Works with Friends addicts, We love the Roz Chast drawings in the NEW YORKER MAG. This book fit the Bill

This little book of verse is a delightful read (including a lot of chuckles and some major belly laughs). It also will have an impact on future Scrabble moves (or "Words With Friends" moves) â " lending new meaning to some of those weathered 2-letter solutions.

This book is awesome if you love words, and even better if you play Scrabble. A few of the pages refer to sexuality which may be inappropriate for younger readers, but those who are really too young probably wouldn't get it anyway.

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