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## The Million Word Crossword Answer Book



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Stan and Dan's MILLION WORD CROSSWORD DICTIONARY was hailed by New York Times crossword editor Will Shortz as "the largest, most upâ "toâ "date, and most useful" and praised by crossword editors from the Chicago Tribune, Los Angeles Times, Boston Globe, San Francisco Chronicle, Washington Post Magazine, and the Wall Street Journal. With THE MILLION WORD CROSSWORD ANSWER BOOK, these noted crossword experts give puzzlers the next "million word" tool they need. This radically comprehensive word finder can be used by solvers when two or more letters of the answer are known. It is even easier to use than a crossword dictionary! The $1,000,000+$ entries will consist of exhaustive lists of crossword answers from 3 to 7 letters, where 2 letters are specified. For example, sevenâ "letter answers with H as a second letter and C as a sixth letter will include the words CHALICE and PHYSICS, the proper names EHRLICH and SHYLOCK, and the phrase THIN ICE. The book's "base lexicon" is comprised of words and phrases from actual puzzles, representing about $88 \%$ of all crossword answersâ "â "unapproachable by any other reference book. Included will be slang terms and celebrity names, a making this book as topical and relevant to modern solvers as the authors' previous book.

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"The Million Word Crossword Dictionary" occasionally fails to find an answer...lol) and end up with a partially completed word.A few comments on how the book works:1.)This book assumes you have a least two letters (in any position) of ANY 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 letter word and then proceeds to give you ALL possible combinations of words (answers) that would fit with the letters you already have.For example, if you had a seven-letter answer with the second letter being H and the sixth letter being C , and appearing on your crossword page as ${ }^{*} \mathrm{H}^{* * *} \mathrm{C}^{*}$, this book will suggest the words CHALICE and PHYSICS, the proper names EHRLICH and SHYLOCK, and the phrase THIN ICE as possible answers.2a.)To help make the book easier to use, the sections of the book are first divided by answer length...that being all 3 letter words first, then all 4 letter words and so on. Then all the possible 3 letter combinations are listed alphabetically; then all 4 letter words, then all 5 letter words etc.2.b)This listing method allows you to quickly find the letters you have and their positions within a word. For example, all four letter words using at least one 'A' and one 'B' would be found listed initially under $A B^{* *}$, then $A^{*} B^{*}$, then $A^{* *} B$, then * $A B^{*}$, *A*B etc. until all $A$ \& $B$ combos were exhausted. And this method is used for ANY answer that has as few as three letters or a maximum of seven.3.

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