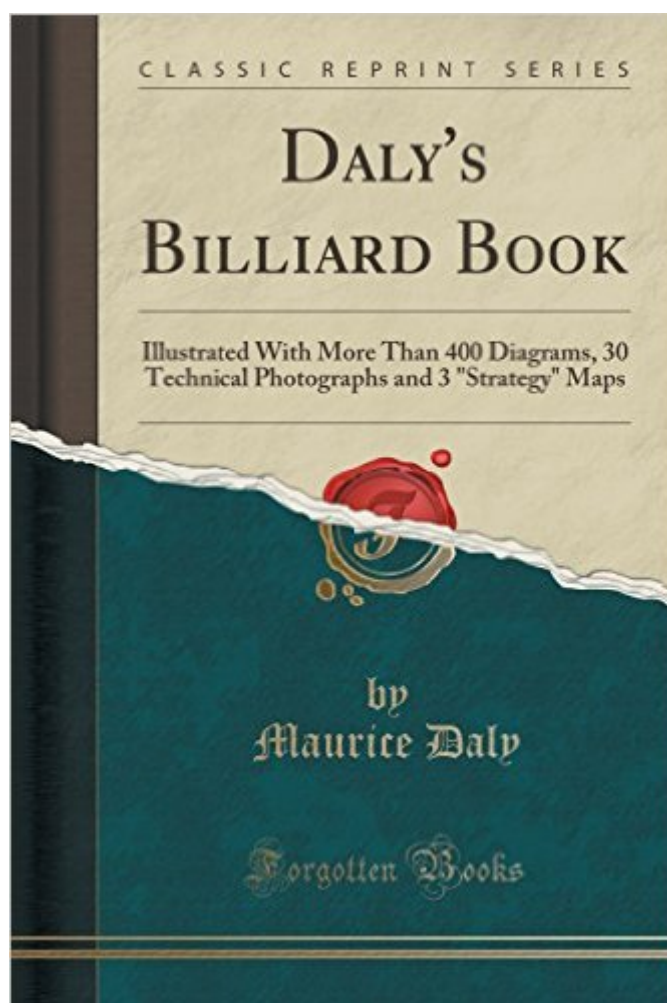


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Customer Reviews

I bought this book used for \$7.00 a year ago, and it is now \$32.00, this should tell you how good it is by the demanding for it. This is by far the best carom billiards book I have ever read in English. Maurice Daly was well respected in the billiards world back then not only for his skills but also for his knowledge of the game. This book helped me improving from a "10-15" average to "30-40" or

greater. "Once you see that light, the possibilities are endless..." as my teacher put it.

I am beside myself just reading the previous two reviews of this great work. How can a book under ten dollars in the year 2003 be overpriced? And, I can hardly believe that anyone who has played billiards (not pool) can honestly say that this book is for beginners, that no advanced technique will be found here. I challenge that reviewer to run even twenty-five balls at straight rail, let alone perform a rail nurse! This book is a rarity in all the pool and billiard literature, which is admittedly littered with poorly written fluff. Daly's Book should be a model to writer's on pool and billiards (and snooker, etc.) on how to exposit clearly and honestly the subtleties of playing these games well. Reading his Billiard Book, one imagines an atmosphere in his day and place where there existed a free flow of ideas in the game, a billiard Golden Age so to speak. After many decades where top players kept newly discovered ideas to themselves as closely guarded secrets, it appears that we are coming out of pool and billiard's Dark Ages, and entering into a billiard Renaissance. I look forward to new literature about the game in the spirit of Daly's fine work.

This is as interesting and enjoyable a book on pool and billiards as I've seen. It's about the carom games, played on tables with no pockets--so don't mistakenly think this will give you tips to try out at most pool halls and bars. But if you can access a carom table, or if you just want to enjoy the insights into the understanding of old almost-gone (at least in the US) games--then this book is awesome. The main game discussed is straight rail (or the free game in French) with a little on cushion caroms (one-cushion) and balk line. If you are lucky enough to be able to find a table (look for Vietnamese (under "bida") and Korean neighborhoods for billiards parlors), this book will ample ideas and motivation to try these games out.

The book was written in 1913, and re-printed by Dover. It covers basic billiards and caroms. It also covers "freezing" balls on a side rail, or near a corner. When the 2 object balls are frozen, large #'s of repetitive caroms can be done (1,000's). The rules for billiards were changed so this can't be done. The rules change lead to modern 3- cushion billiards. He doesn't mention or talk about any diamond system. He also talks about balk-line games, which aren't really played anymore. There is no reference to pocket billiards at all. If you want an introduction to caroms, and billiards this will do it, but there are other more current books that do a better job.

Very misleading it is not the book it claims to be. I am not pleased with this book in the least I do not

need a book that only describes the diagrams in the real book. b Boo this book I am sickened by the fact that someone is profiting from this stuff.

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