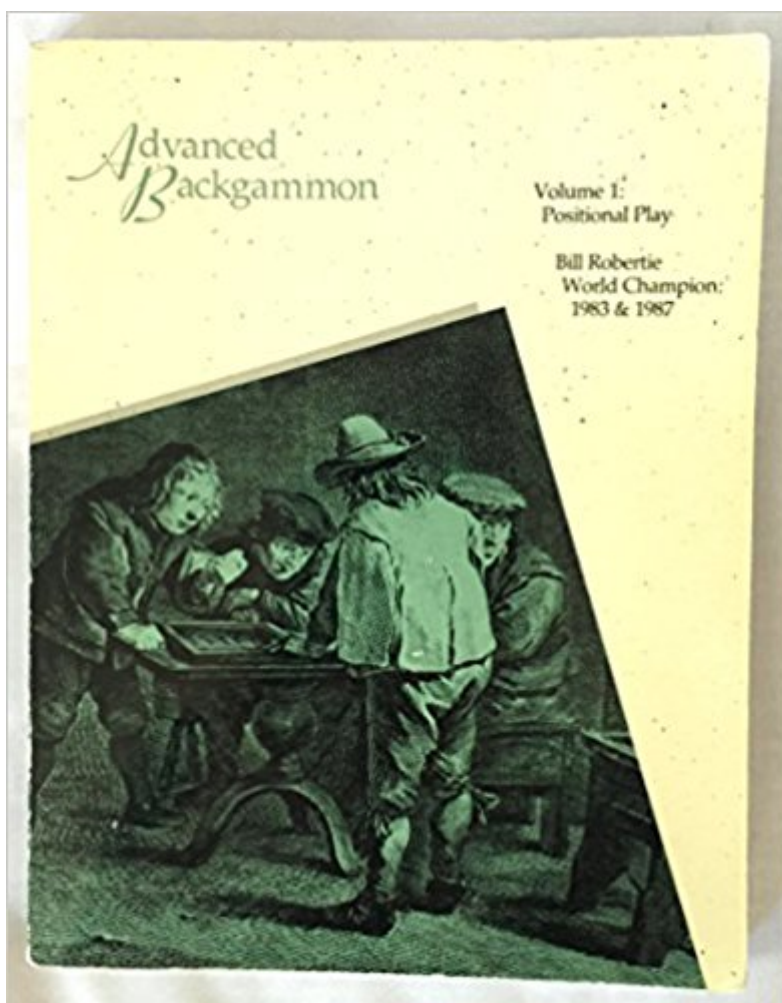


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This book outlines advanced strategies for opening and mid-position moves. It is the next step after Robertie's 'Backgammon for Winners' and 'Backgammon for Serious players'. If you have read and digested these first two books and are looking for the next level then this is a must have. There are over 200 situations covered. Details include reasons for the right move along with alternative plays. Both moves and doubling are covered. The book is broken into several sections. Opening moves, mid-game, the blitz, and defense are just a few. Illustrations accompany each example and the reasoning is well written and easy to follow. As Bill Robertie points out there are many books that contain short cuts to winning but when the tournament is over you do not see any of these players around. This is a study guide that can be used for a lifetime of playing one of the world's oldest and most challenging games.

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Robertie has written a number of books on Backgammon. This is not the one to read first, it may be the one (with volume 2) to read last. But, for advanced players or those who want to become advanced players, this is where the real meat is.

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