

## How to Use This Book

*The Million Word Crossword Answer Book* contains lists of possible crossword answers that are three to seven letters long, based upon all possible combinations of two known letters.

If you're stuck on a puzzle answer of three, four, five, six, or seven letters, and you know at least two of the letters in the answer, you'll find a list of possible answers in this book, no matter what those letters are.

The entries are arranged first by answer length (all the three-letters first, then the fours, fives, etc.), then alphabetically by the two known letters (AA through ZZ), then by position of the letters within the word (from the first two letters to the last two letters).

Here's how to get to the answer you're looking for most quickly. Let's say you're stuck on the clue "Christmas VIPs" that has a seven-letter answer, and you have this partial answer: \_\_\_ H E \_\_\_ G \_\_\_.

Since you have three letters of the answer, you first select which two letters to look up. To give you the shortest list to select from, always select the two least common letters that you have. So we'll choose the H (2nd letter) and G (6th letter).

### Finding the Pattern

Now, use the "thumb indexes" at the edge of each page to quickly find the list you're looking for: seven-letter words with 2nd letter H and 6th letter G.

Each thumb index has the number of letters on top, and the two key letters underneath. Thus, the main body of the book starts with "3 CC" and ends with "7 ZT." The thumb index on left-hand pages has the two key letters for the **first** pattern on the page; the thumb index on right-hand pages has the two key letters for the **last** pattern on the page (very much like the thumb index of a regular dictionary).

For this example, you're looking for "7 HG," so scan the thumb indexes until you find it, or something close to it (like "7 HF" or "7 HH"). That will bring you to page 723.

### Another Way to Find the Pattern

Alternatively, you can use the information at the top of each page to locate the desired pattern. The top of every page in the main body of the book shows the number of letters in the answers on that page.

The guideword of every left-hand page shows the **first** pattern on the page and the guideword of every right-hand page shows the **last** pattern on the page (very much like the guidewords in a regular dictionary).

For this example, you're looking for **•H•••G•**, so scan the guidewords until you find it, or something close to it (like **H••H•••**). This method will also bring you to page 723.

### Zeroing in on Your Answer

Next, scan the boldface in-column headers (which are always preceded by a blank line) for the **•H•••G•** list you're looking for.

The list for **•H•••G•** has these nine answers: CHICAGO, OHFUDGE, PHOTOGS, THEBIGA, THEEDGE, THEHOGS, THEMAGI, THRONGS, THROUGH, ZHIVAGO.

Most of the time, the context of the clue will make it clear which of the answers is the correct one, in this case the two-word phrase THE MAGI.

### Pattern Page Layout

7 Letter Words				H••H•••				
HAULOFF	THUSFAR	SYDHOFF	HUGGI NG	<b>H••••G•</b>	HODDI NG	PHRYGI A	GAHAGAN	MOSHI NG
HEADOFF	WHARFED	UNSHI FT	HUGGI NS	HAULAGE	HOGGI NG	SHAGGED	JOHNGAY	MUSHI NG
HEAPSOFF	WHATFOR	UPSHI FT	HYGELAC	HAVEAGO	HOLBERG	SHANGRI	LEHI GHU	NI CHI NG
HEARDOFF	WHI FFED	WASHOFF	HYGI EI A	HAYI NGS	HOLDI NG	SHI NGLI	MOHEGAN	NOSHI NG
HEARSOFF	WHI FFER		HYGI ENE	HAZI NGS	HOMBURG	SHI NGLY		NOTHI NG
HELDOFF	WHI FFLE	<b>•••H••F</b>	HYGI NUS	HERBAGE	HONKI NG	SHOTGUN	<b>••H••G•</b>	PI SHI NG
HENTOFF		BI GHALF		HEURI GE	HOODI NG	THEAGES	REHANGS	PI THI NG
HERSELF	<b>•H•••F•</b>	DASHOFF	<b>H••G•••</b>	HEXSI GN	HOOFI NG	THOUGHT	REHI NGE	PUSHI NG
HI MSELF	CHOPOFF	I NAHUFF		HI DALGO	HOOKI NG	THURGAU	UNHI NGE	RUCHI NG
HI PROOF	SHERI FF	ONEHALF	HAGGI SH	HI DI NGS	HOOPi NG	WHANGED		RUSHI NG
HI TSOFF	SHERI FS	PUSHOFF	HAGGLED	HOSTAGE	HOOTI NG		<b>••H•••G</b>	SASHI NG
HI VEOFF	SHONUFF	RUSHOFF	HAGGLER	HOTDOGS	HOPPI NG	<b>•H•••G•</b>	ACHTUNG	SECHZI G
HOLDOFF	SHOOOFF	SAMHUFF	HAGGLES	HOWHI GH	HOPSI NG	CHI CAGO	BEHRI NG	SI GHI NG
HOPSOFF	SHOWOFF	SYDHOFF	HANGARS	HUMBUGS	HORDI NG	OHFUDGE	ECHOI NG	TI THI NG
HUNGOFF	SHUTOFF	WASHOFF	HANGBYS		HORNI NG	PHOTOGS		WASHI NG
	THEGI FT		HANGDOG	<b>H•••••G</b>	HORNUNG	THEBI GA	<b>•••HG••</b>	WASHRAG
<b>•HF••••</b>	THELEFT	<b>•••••HF</b>	HANGERS	HACKI NG	HORSI NG	THEEDGE	LI THGOW	WI SHI NG
OHFUDGE	WHATI FS	NORTHOF	HANGI NG	HAFTI NG	HOSTI NG	THEHOGS		
		SOUTHOF	HANGMAN	HAI LI NG	HOUSI NG	THEMAGI	<b>•••H•G•</b>	<b>••••HG•</b>
<b>•HF••••</b>	<b>•H••••F</b>		HANGMEN	HALFDUG	HOWLI NG	THRONGS	ACEHI GH	ROUGHGO
CHAFERS	AHEADOF	HG•••••	HANGOFF	HALOI NG	HOWLONG	THROUGH	AI MHI GH	
CHAFFED	AHOSTOF	HGWELLS	HANGOUT	HALTI NG	HUFFI NG	ZHI VAGO	BI GHUGS	<b>•••••HG</b>
CHAFFEE	CHOPOFF		HANGSBY	HALVI NG	HUGGI NG		FLYHI GH	BEARHUG
CHAFFER	SHERI FF	<b>H•G••••</b>	HANGSI N	HAMBURG	HULLKI NG	<b>•H••••G</b>	GASHOGS	BUSHHOG
CHAFI NG	SHEWOLF	HAGERTY	HANGSON	HAMMI NG	HULLI NG	CHAFI NG	HOWHI GH	MALEHOG
CHEFI NG	SHONUFF	HAGGARD	HANGSUP	HANDBAG	HUMMI NG	CHARI NG	I MAHOGG	ROADHOG
CHI FFON	SHOOOFF	HAGGI SH	HANGTEN	HANDI NG	HUNTI NG	CHASI NG	JI MHOGG	SANDHOG
CHUFFED	SHORTOF	HAGGLED	HANGUPS	HURLI NG	HURTI NG	CHAWI NG	MESHUGA	WARTHOG
SHAFFER	SHOWOFF	HAGGLER	HAUGHTY	HANGI NG	HURTI NG	CHEFI NG	ONTHEGO	
SHAFTED	SHUTOFF	HAGGLES	HEDGERS	HARBURG	HUSHI NG	CHEWI NG	QUAHOGS	HH•••••
SHEFFER	THEREOF	HAGLI KE	HEDGI ER	HARDI NG	HUSKI NG	CHI DI NG	SKYHI GH	HHMUNRO
SHI FTED	THESELF	HEGI RAS	HEDGI NG	HARKI NG	HUTTI NG	CHI MI NG	THEHOGS	
SHI FTER	THI NKOF	HI GGI NS	HEI GHHO	HARMI NG	HYMNI NG	CHI NWAG	TOOHI GH	<b>H•H••••</b>
SHOFARS	THYSELF	HI GGLED	HEI GHTS	HARPI NG	HYPOI NG	CHOKI NG	HAHNI UM	

The guideword contains the last pattern on right-hand pages, and the first pattern on left-hand pages.

The in-column header displays the pattern.

The answers corresponding to the pattern are listed alphabetically.

The thumb index displays the number of letters followed the two key letters.