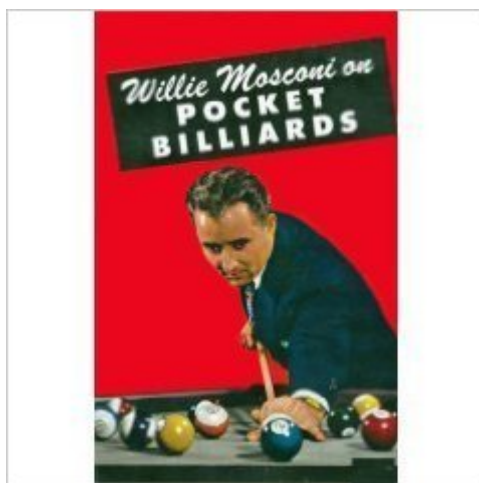


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# Willie Mosconi On Pocket Billiards (Little Sports Library)



## Synopsis

Explains, in step-by-step fashion, every phase of billiards, from complete instruction for beginners to the finer points of combination and kiss shots, and finally, the championship game of 14.1 rack.

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## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

When I went away to college in 1985, my girlfriend's father gave me a copy of the then-current edition of this book. I'd played a lot of pool before, but this book changed my game from mediocre to excellent, which is why I recently bought a new copy to give to a friend who is just learning the game. The tips on holding the cue stick alone made a difference in my game; when I spent the time to practice the other principles Mosconi discusses, I began to win more often than not, and could honestly say, "I meant to do that," when I'd just made a particularly difficult shot. The fact that the book is small enough to roll up and stick in your back pocket helps; you can whip it out whenever you need to review a particular concept.

This is a good classic book on cue sports. There are better more detailed books for beginners and intermediate players but this is worth reading. His training tape on youtube is worth looking at as well.

I have played pool off and on for years and never real got very good. Then I purchsed this book and my game changed dramatically. Instead of getting beat all the time I began beating them. Some of my friends have said that overnight I got better at pool. I must say I owe most of it to this book. One

of the nice things about this book is you will be able to read the whole thing in an hour! Willie Mosconi was the master pool player and one of the best to ever live so who better to take lessons from than the master himself. He starts out by showing you how to properly hold the cue stick. What a difference that makes. Then proper stance, making the bridge, stroke, cueing the ball, hitting the ball, english, combos, strategy, practice and more. This is a compact guide that can help anyone improve their game in as little as a couple games. There are also numerous illustrations included in this book to help you to visualize just how to make shots. Overall I would say this is a GREAT book on learning how to play pool.

Haven't played for 35+ yrs. Read book in early 1970's Improved my game from "Awful" to "Very Good" in 6 months. It was a classic then - "The Final Word" on billiard instruction. Still is! I've been playing 1 hr. daily for 3 weeks. Have used book for 7 days. Already ironing out some technique problems on my stroke and stance. I've made several awesome combinations, carom & billiard shots, already. Some improvement in position play, as well. Seller (North East Books) was excellent, too! Was described as "Very Good with Minor Wear on Corners." Book was virtually Brand New, arriving 3 days early. page to rate the selling retailer is infected with hidden spyware and malware. Beware!

I am a longtime pool player and this book is the best I have read on basics such as bridge, stance and stroke. For beginners and intermediates (like me), this book is an invaluable tool.

When I was in high school my aunt gave me this book and my friend and I used to read it and do all the practice exercises. I have no idea what happened to the book, but getting another brings back those great memories of learning the game and I became fairly good at it too. Now I'm getting back into the game 30 years later and I will use it again. Not only as a refresher, but there are some aspects I didn't really pursue then that I will now. Great book and the shape was good, especially for the price.

I bought this book in high school and learned from it how to stand at the table, how to hold a cue, how to sight a shot, how to address the cue ball, how to follow through on a stroke, and how/when to apply English or spin (seldom), from the best pocket billiards player of all time. Then it's all practice. In fact even a player with poor fundamentals who practices more will beat you, because he won't miss much, but it still helps to have good ones, and you do look better. I practiced a lot and

became a well regarded amateur player in my neighborhood pool room and on my college campus. I also traveled and played (I don't say beat) a lot of hustlers in Boston, Houston, Wichita, Nashville, and other mostly small towns. In my twenties I even beat a young Ronnie Allen, and Jack White, the traveling college campus exhibition professional, a couple of games, but not a full series. White was pretty surprised though and assumed I was a professional ringer, although I was an instructor at the college he was visiting. (My students and) I never forgot the impression I made on him when I made a lucky one handed cross corner shot, stretching to the far end of the table, in a game of one pocket. He was momentarily stunned, accounting no doubt for my couple of quick wins before he recovered his composure. This book only cost about \$1 in 1957 or so when I bought it, and is not worth \$50 today, but is easily worth \$10, and a used copy for less than \$5 is about right. I gave this book to every friend wanting to improve his game, but I suspect not all read it.

I read this book many years ago, and have referred to it on numerous occasions on the road to becoming a damn good shooter. This pocket-sized, condensed book has all the basics you will need to start shooting great pool. It starts of with the grip, goes into the proper bridge (so important), then explains "english" and when to use it. At \$10 a book, all young men interested in pool should read this book. Now, years later, I am buying it for a friend's son who has shown some interest in the game. I stand behind this book, it's value, and the lessons taught. - Loring

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