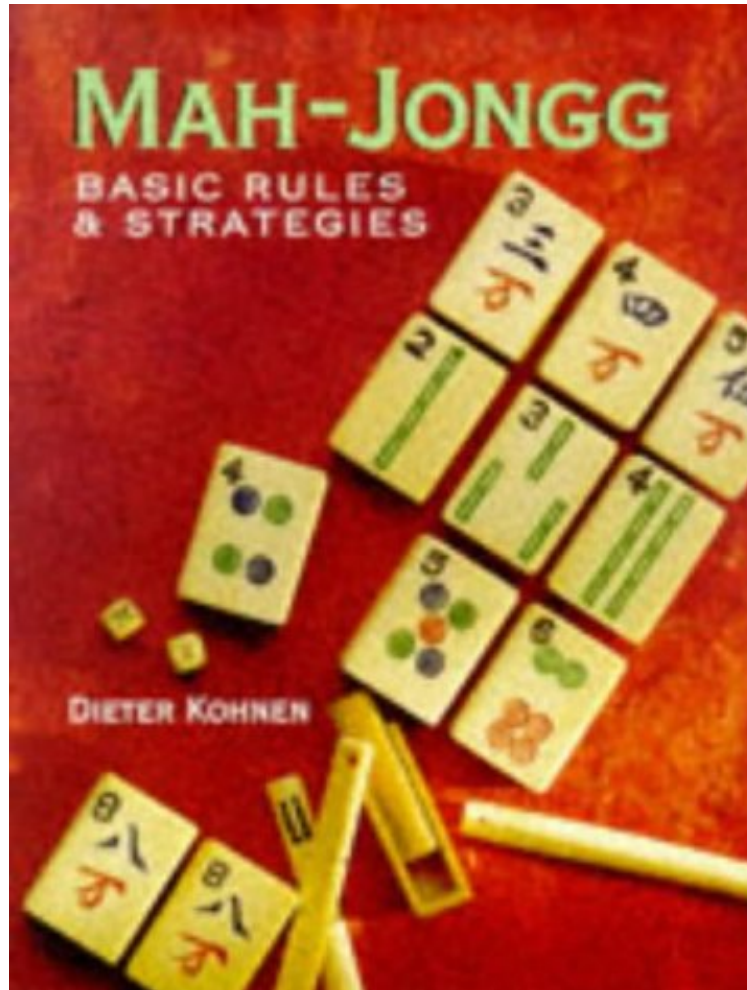


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step through a couple of games, giving examples on strategies. All told, a solid buy. 7 of 9 people found the following review helpful. *Beginners guide to Mahjong* By grandmadaley After reading many rules of play and buying several books, in and out of print, on the subject, I found this the best for the novice to the game. It is easily read and followed. I recommend it to those wanting to learn to play.

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