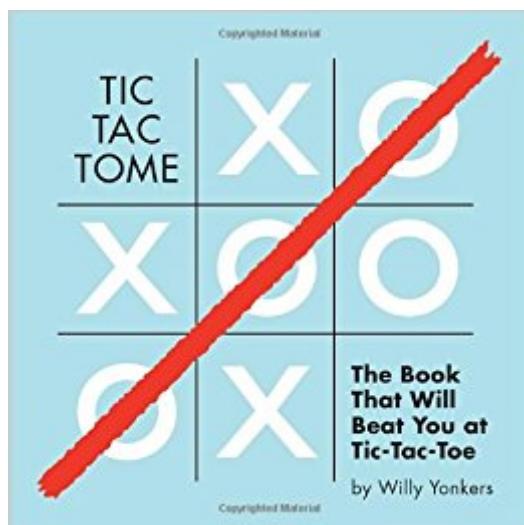


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# Tic Tac Tome: The Autonomous Tic Tac Toe Playing Book



## Synopsis

Think you're pretty smart? Turn the pages to play your moves and watch as Tic Tac Tome beats you forward, backward, and diagonally. Tic Tac Tome features more than 1,400 pages, hundreds of draws and losses, and just one way for a clever reader to win. No apps, batteries, or touch screens required. "Tic Tac Tome is powered by good old-fashioned book smarts. It's deceptively simple, endlessly addictive, and (nearly) impossible to defeat. Complete with introduction and FAQs for the unfamiliar and unsure, Tic Tac Tome is the smartest book you'll ever cross.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

"It doesn't take long before you're talking to the book as if there was a person inside it. Who will be able to resist trying it to see how it works?" - Anna Jedrzejewski, Retailing Insight

Willy Yonkers is lead industrial designer at ThinkGeek, Inc. He lives in Arlington, VA.

This is enjoyable. I've beaten it once, and I think it's because the book lets you win.

My 10-year-old son has really loved this. Not sure how long that will last, but it is always a great conversation piece to show people.

The book is currently out of print and I'm sure it will be reprinted in the future. It must be, because it

is the most fun book ever. Be on the lookout for it in the future. Check with Quirk Books to find out when. Upon reading TIC TAC TOME, Alexander Hamilton commented; "It's cool."

Clever but quickly boring

Happy with product and service.

The person this was bought for didn't care for it at all.

Tic Tac Tome is not my normal 'read', mostly because there is no reading involved. It's a chunkie little book that you play tic-tac-toe against, and more often than not (far more often) it will either end in a tie or defeat. In fact there is only one way to beat this book and you have to get every move correct or it won't work. My tally as of this review: 0 Loses / 2 Wins / 18 Ties. Basically you pick a side you want to start on. The front of the book means you get the first move and the back of the book means the book gets the first move, then you simply pick a square you want your move to be in and you go to the page number listed. Pretty simple. If you're really bad at Tic-tac-toe this is really good practice and if you're really good at it, I guarantee you'll still have to spend a while trying to figure out where to move to get that one win. I'll be honest and say I thought that this was going to be a cute little book that I'd lose interest in within a few hours, but I kind of became obsessive with it. I carried it around until I finally (after a day or so) I beat the book, promptly became so excited that I forgot how I did it and I had to start over again. So now I know how to beat it, but that hasn't stopped me from letting other people try their luck with it. At Least until I forget how to solve it (which I will, probably soon) and take another crack at it. It's a really good boredom buster and it's fun to see others puzzle it over. So if you're looking for a fun little book to sit on your coffee table or keep the kid quiet for at least a few minutes, why not pick up a copy and try your luck?

Note: this review is from the republished version of the same name by Willy Yonkers, Quirkbooks, June 2010. A book that can beat you at Tic-Tac-Toe? That's what the author says anyway. If the book is really that good, I must be the best Tic-Tac-Toe player ever. This is a massive book. About 3-4 inches thick (and only 4" x 4" in size) with like a thousand pages. What's interesting is that this could be an app with maybe 40-50 kb worth of data. It's big but really simple. You choose where you want to place your mark (O or X) and turn to the designated page. On that page you'll see your mark and also the book's next move. Repeat. Repeat.

Cat's game. Pretty much every time. That's the bummer thing about this book (and this game): once you recognize the gambits of the other player you really can't lose. And neither can they. So this game is really for newbies and kids. As such, so is this book. I had my 7 year old play it and he figured out how to Cat's pretty quickly. My 12 year old never lost. Two adults who played the book also never lost. In fact, I never saw anyone actually get beat by the game. This is a gift book with limited interest. Fun for a moment. This book was provided by the publisher as a review copy.

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