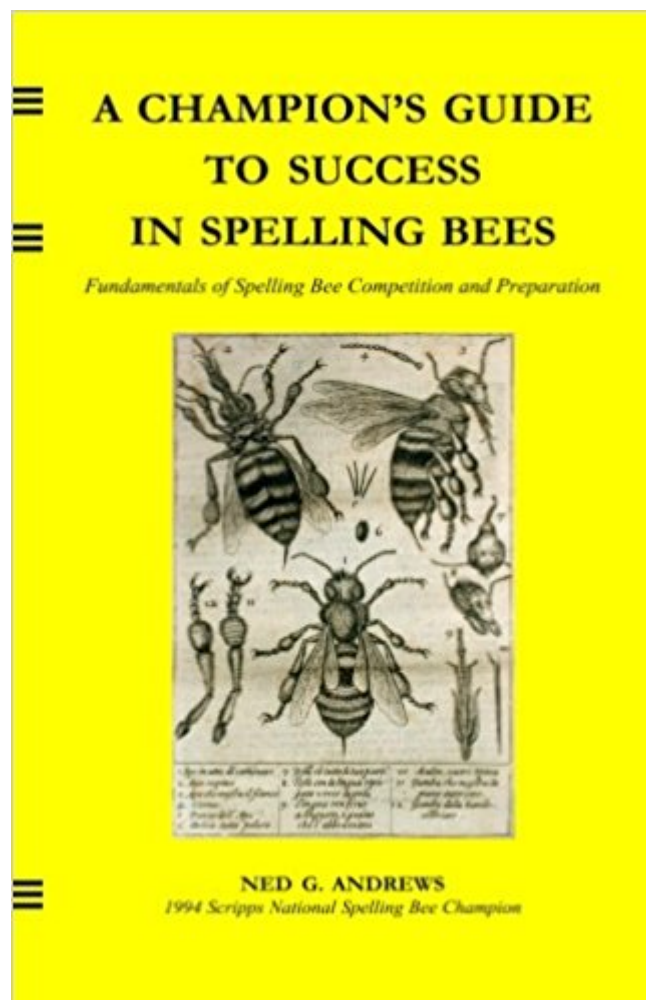


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# A Champion's Guide To Success In Spelling Bees: Fundamentals Of Spelling Bee Competition And Preparation



## Synopsis

Comprehensive yet concise, A CHAMPION'S GUIDE TO SUCCESS IN SPELLING BEES is essential for any spelling bee contestant, whether serious or casual, as well as for study assistants such as parents, teachers, and tutors. By following this guidebook's tactics and strategies, you will use every available resource – including but not limited to your time on stage, your existing knowledge, other study materials, and the effort that you will invest throughout your preparation – as effectively and efficiently as possible. "An insightful compendium of techniques for spelling bee preparation and competition ... An invaluable guide for the serious competitive speller." – James Maguire, author, "American Bee: The National Spelling Bee and the Culture of Word Nerds"

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## Customer Reviews

NED G. ANDREWS won the 1994 Scripps National Spelling Bee, then known as the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee. In addition to placing 15th in 1992 and 14th in 1993, he served on the SNSB's competition staff for six years. Following his win, the SNSB asked his mother and coach, Carolyn Andrews, to join its word panel and author the online study program Carolyn's Corner. After becoming word list manager and serving in that capacity for several years, she retired in 2010. Andrews holds a law degree from the University of Virginia and a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Yale University (coincidentally Noah Webster's alma mater). Following law school, he appeared on the NBC game show 1 vs. 100; throughout the show's run, his record as the longest-lasting opponent of the show's featured contestants remained unbroken. Andrews currently practices law in Virginia, where he and his wife reside with their three cats.

I bought the kindle version of this book hoping to get some ideas how to prepare my child for a state spelling bee. This book was written by a lawyer and a former Scripps Spelling Bee Champ, and is written in a style you would expect from someone with that background. I find the writing dry, and hard to relate to, (similar to read through a bunch of legal documents or medical journals). Since I don't know anything about the spelling bee I thought this would be helpful, but I since I don't have the background that the author obviously has from his years of working with SNSB, his examples that he tries to explain, mean nothing to me. It would have been helpful to give some actual word examples and scenarios that parents and youth could understand and relate too. I'm giving it two stars because the price is great and I'm sure there's helpful information to those who have better working knowledge of spelling bees.

Be aware that this book is aimed at young teens and adults, not elementary school students. The vocabulary and the writing style are designed to be accessible to (gifted) young teens or older ages -- this is not a book you are going to give to your third grader to read. The book provides a wealth of tips on how to compete in a spelling bee. It also does a marvelous job of addressing both the good and the bad reasons to make spelling an intensive pursuit. Best of all, it provides detailed information on resources for serious competitors, which seem to be hard to locate in one spot elsewhere. It does not include any lists of words itself. That said, if you were to go through it with an eye to identifying good practice words, you would find an abundance of those -- Mr. Andrews' spelling experience shines in the extensive vocabulary he uses when writing. Clearly, his spelling bee championship experience served him well as he went off to law school and eventually became an attorney ; )

Participated in the spelling bee last year and placed in the top fifty! Lots of wonderful sources! It's essential to doing well in the Scrippsbee National Spelling Bee!

My son Jacob Williamson, 7th place 2014 Scripps National Spelling Bee finalist used this as one of the books to prepare.

Thanks Ned. I won my regional Bee with your help!!!! I think your book of tips was a big part of how our study plan worked out. Some of your links to really old stuff have been removed but the ones that are still there, are like buried treasure.

Not clearly organized

I ordered the book as a Christmas gift for my God daughter who recently made it to the national spelling bee contest. Unfortunately the book arrived after Christmas but it was worth the wait. She seems to enjoy the book and it has been helpful

Pretty good. Has very detailed information about spelling bees and how to maneuver and use techniques to succeed in bees.

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