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**Tom Sloper : The Red Dragon The West Wind: The Winning Guide to Official Chinese American Mah-Jongg** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Red Dragon The West Wind: The Winning Guide to Official Chinese American Mah-Jongg:

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Mah Jongg made easyBy Angus McTavishI have always wanted to

learn how to play Mah Jongg. I even bought a set, which is an American set, but the instructions that came with it were obviously written by someone whose first language was not English--most likely, Chinese. The instructions were virtually impossible to comprehend, so my Mah Jongg set sat for a couple of years. I finally found a group that plays Mah Jongg and they recommended this book. Up to that point I never realized there was a difference between Chinese and American Mah Jongg. The book is easy to read, well-layed out, and gives excellent explanations to understand the game. The game could appear very complex and possibly intimidating, but this book makes it all make sense. Of course, practice makes perfect! I highly recommend this book. For those that play computer Mah Jongg, be advised you are not playing anything like Mah Jongg. You are just learning tile recognition.

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Most tips for American Mahjong

By Bootsiei don't play American mahjong. I wanted a book with more strategy That said, this book is the best I've found so far about mahjong. It gave me tips on finding online games which I really like. I got a traditional game from a company called Nine Dragons. I play it when I'm not playing with my mahjong group

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Great reference and strategy book

By KikoTom Sloper is recognized as one of the foremost experts on mah jongg versions played all over the world. I'm a new player and this book has helped me understand the history and traditions of the game, as well as how to play American mah jongg. This is a game where knowing the rules and player etiquette is of utmost importance and The Red Dragon - West Wind does just that! I also enjoy the author's sense of humor in his observations of group dynamics that may develop among players, and his take on "table rules" that may be practiced by some groups. When you're a newbie, it's important to know how to "fit in" to keep those eye rolls to a minimum. Thanks, Tom!

The Red Dragon The West Wind is the perfect introduction to this ancient game of strategy and subterfuge, covering all aspects of the two most common varieties, American and Chinese, along with an overview of other global approaches. The book begins with the history and origin and moves on to the rules of play and ways to win and avoid essential errors as well as the etiquette to follow. With everything from clear instructions on dealing, building, and distributing tiles to a look at the history and future of the game, this is the essential book for anyone who wants to have fun and win while playing mahjongg.

About the Author Game designer and producer Tom Sloper has lectured at the Smithsonian and written extensively on the traditional game of mah-jongg. The author of the mahjong newsgroup Frequently Asked Questions, he lives in Los Angeles.