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Review

Merritt is a gifted poet. (Sarah Larson - New Yorker)

A fun little book. (Minneapolis Star Tribune)

Delightfully whimsical. (David Ulin - Los Angeles Times)

Pretty irresistible. (David Daley - Salon)

Vaguely Seussian. (Margaret Eby - Brooklyn Magazine)

Droll...pithy...witty. (Dan DeLuca - Philadelphia Inquirer)

When I have no Scrabble move,

I really cannot bear it.

From *aa* to *za*, help has arrived?

Why, thank you, Stephin Merritt! (Lemony Snicket, best-selling author of *A Series of Unfortunate Events*)

This little book of tiny words

by Stephin Merritt is superb;

it's funny and it's useful too.

(This is the Neil Gaiman blurb.) (Neil Gaiman, best-selling author of *The Ocean at the End of the Lane*)

I love this book of Scrabble twos,

with art and wit for *mi* and *ye*;

so now please do the thousand threes,

from *aah* to *zzz*. (Stefan Fatsis, best-selling author of *Word Freak*)

Ha! (Elif Batuman, author of *The Possessed*)

Oy, ow, my wounded *qi*! I'll never beat Stephin at Scrabble again. *Wo(e)* is me. (Emma Straub, author of *The Vacationers*)

About the Author

With the Magnetic Fields, Stephin Merritt has written, produced, and recorded ten albums, including 69 Love Songs, which was named one of the 500 best albums of all time by Rolling Stone. Merritt has performed as part of Lincoln Center's "American Songwriters" series and at BAM's "Next Wave of Song," and he has composed the score for the Academy Award-nominated film *Pieces of April* and for *Eban and Charley*.

Roz Chast has been a regular contributor to *The New Yorker* since 1978. Her cartoons have been collected in *What I Hate*, *Theories of Everything*, and *The Party After You Left*. She also illustrated *The Alphabet from A to Y, with Bonus Letter Z*, the best-selling children's book by Steve Martin. Her most recent book is *Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?*, a memoir about her parents.

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