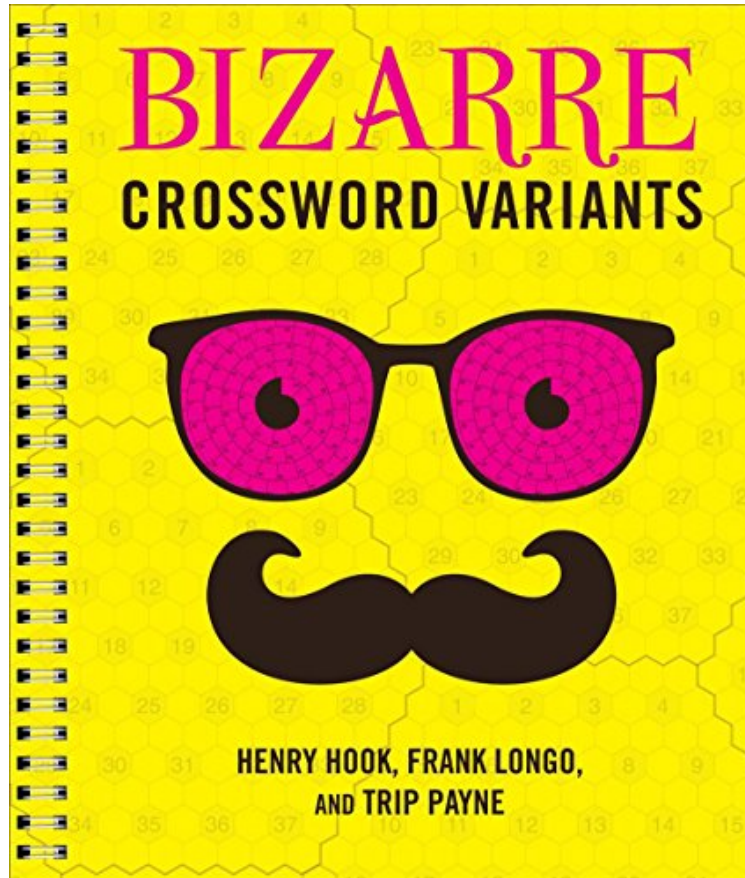



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About the Author Frank Longo's work appears regularly in the New York Times, Games, and Games World of Puzzles, as well as the Simon Schuster Mega Crossword Puzzle Book series. Longo's many books for Puzzlewright include Scrabble Bingo Crosswords, Sip Solve Easy Crosswords, and The Worlds Longest Crossword Puzzles. He lives in Hoboken, NJ. Henry Hook is a legend in the crossword world, having spent many years at Games magazine. Hook's puzzles are known for their devious themes and diabolical clues, and he constructs regularly for the Boston Globe. He lives in Brooklyn, NY. Trip Payne worked for several puzzle magazines before embarking on a freelance puzzlemaking career. His puzzles have appeared in many national publications and he has had two "15 minutes of fame" so far: as the third contestant ever to appear on the US version of Who Wants to Be a Millionaire and as one of the crossword solvers profiled in the documentary Wordplay. Payne has also worked on the game shows Million Dollar Password and Scrabble Showdown and is a three-time champion of the American Crossword Puzzle Tournament. He lives in Los Angeles, CA.