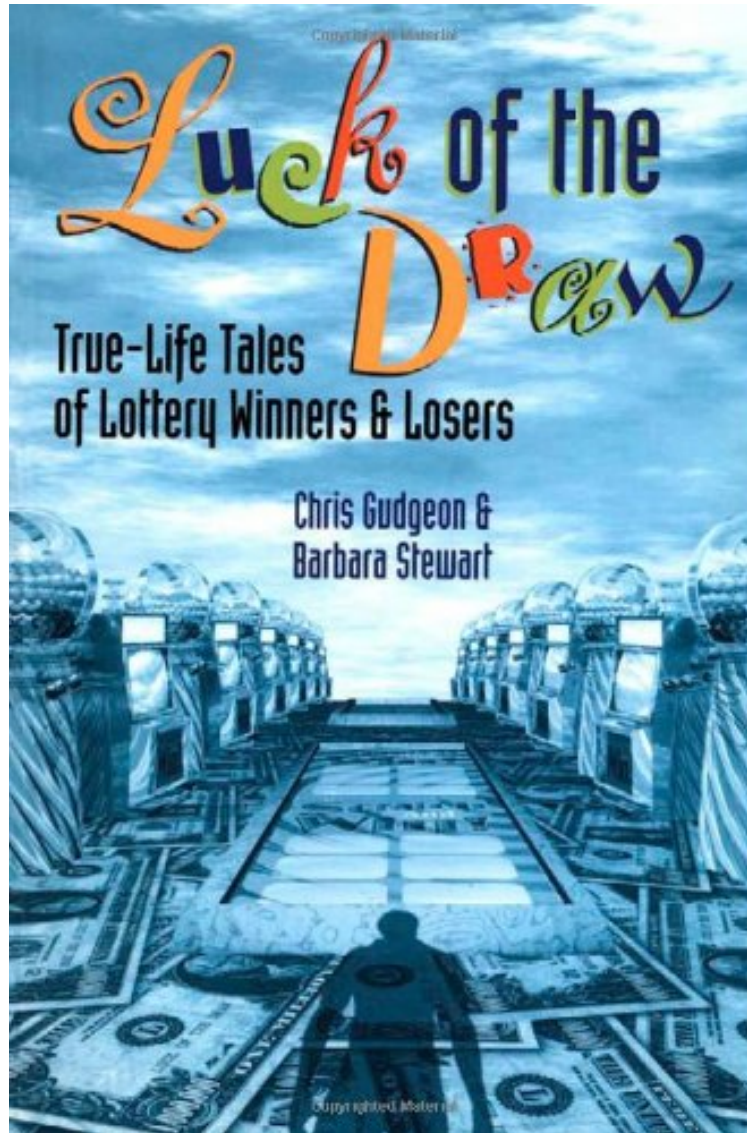


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Chris Gudgeon : Luck of the Draw: True-Life Tales of Lottery Winners and Losers before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Luck of the Draw: True-Life Tales of Lottery Winners and Losers:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Interesting stories of lottery winners and players By Michael Luck of the Draw begins with the worldwide history of lotteries. Most of the book describes the lottery winners and players in the United States and Canada from 1960 to 2001. The book has 16 chapters and 173 pages. The average story is about one page long, and the stories are usually separated by two blank lines. The book has many stories that are one-third of

a page long or less. Some of the stories describe lottery pool administrators successful and unsuccessful attempts to cheat other pool members out of their share of millions. Often, administrators will falsely say that the winning ticket came from their non-lottery pool tickets. There are also stories about lottery pool administrators that did the honorable thing. Luck of the Draw has a lot of stories that describe the moment people realize they won millions of dollars. There are many stories about people that made a mistake when they checked the winning numbers. These people did not realize they had a winning ticket worth millions until an unusual incident made them check the numbers again. In 1995, one winning ticket worth \$5.8 million was not checked until 45 minutes before the one-year deadline to claim the money. The book reveals whether or not the family became millionaires. In March 1986, Jean-Guy Lavigueur and his family won \$6.3 million of a \$7.6 million prize. The book describes Jean-Guy's November 1989 television interview: Old friends and family had turned their backs on him, he said, because he didn't give them enough money. To make everybody happy, I would have to give away all my money until I had nothing left and was back on welfare. That would explain why so many lottery winners (and athletes) lose all of their money. Lottery winners lose a lot of money with investments. Some investment losses are unusual. In April 1985, a man in Yellowknife, Canada won \$500,000. The lottery winner made a \$38,000 down payment on a Vancouver apartment building. The lottery winner forgot the address of the building that he owned, and he never figured out how to locate the building. The book also has stories of lottery winners that managed their money well. There are two areas where Luck of the Draw could improve. The first problem is incomplete stories. The book should finish telling all of its stories instead of most of its stories. The book will tell a story about a disagreement that went to court. A lot of times the book will not reveal the courts decision or if there was an out-of-court settlement. In one example, the case went to court in October 1990 and the book has a 2001 copyright date. In most situations, eleven years would be enough time to get a verdict or an out-of-court settlement. Page formatting is the second area where this book could improve. There are often no blank lines or titles between the last paragraph of one story and the first paragraph of the next story. The story's title could appear before the first paragraph in the story and in the new index (the book does not have an index). Despite these problems, Luck of the Draw is one of the few lottery books that I am happy to own. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Canadian Based Lottery Winners Book But Worthwhile By Customer This is a lottery book as you may have decided from the title but it is well written if mostly about lottery winners from Canada, it covers the win/lose stories and the win and live happy ever after stories and the unusual lifestyles and spenders. It's a good book and covers the lottery stories that if you were studying you'd find informative and interesting, they aren't in depth but what you lose on the information you gain on the sheer number of stories and facts. If you like me and are interested in the lottery as a different way to find the sudden changes in people's lives when they come into sudden money it will entertain and inform you, if you need new stats or in depth stories of a few winners or advice in detail maybe there are other books for you but it was worth the money to me which is the most I can say as a reader, I enjoyed it 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A Good Read By Brooke Guthrie A Good Read - Contains good information and stories about past lottery winners. Future Lottery Winning Readers will relate to stories in the book.

Money. Gobs of it. In the blink of an eye - or the drop of a ball? it's all yours. Everyone dreams about striking it rich by winning a lottery. We all feverishly line up to purchase our tickets, and watch TV or scan the newspapers to see if we have won, even though the odds are better that we will be struck by lightning. Still, we persevere, because no matter what else happens this week, you can be sure that someone, somewhere, will win the big one. Lotteries are an unparalleled popular phenomenon. But what happens after the winners are revealed, and the checks have been issued? How does winning a lottery change one's life? "Luck of the Draw" profiles past winners of big lotteries, and how their windfall impacted their lives, mostly for the better, but interestingly sometimes for the worse, such as the case of a Florida widow who won \$5 million in 1984; three years later, she lost her mansion and fancy cars, and owed the IRS \$500,000 for back taxes. Eventually she was arrested for trying to hire a contract killer to take out her daughter-in-law, whom she blamed for her lottery misfortune. The book also depicts the past, present and future of lotteries in North America and the world over, and includes a special chapter on the revived phenomenon of big-time TV game show winners. Who wants to be a millionaire? Seemingly, everyone. In a country where eighty percent of adults have played a lottery, creating a multi-billion dollar industry, "Luck of the Draw" is an insightful inside look at lotteries, its winners, and its losers.

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