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Cameron Browne is a software engineer living in Brisbane, Australia. He has been an avid board game player for many years, and developed a special interest in connection games after being introduced to Hex. His earlier book *Hex Strategy: Making the Right Connections* provided the impetus for this broader study of the connection game family.

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