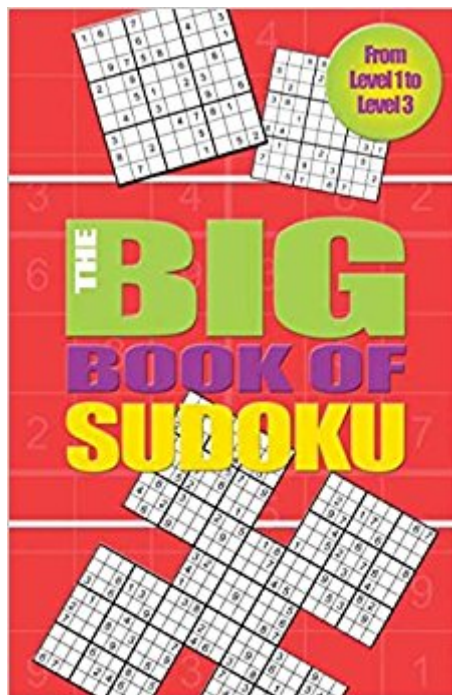


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The Big Book Of Sudoku



Synopsis

You don't need to be a math whiz to enjoy a great sudoku puzzle! Sharpen your mind and have some fun with this great collection of sudokus, including over 540 challenges across four difficulty levels (Warm Up, Challenging, Tough, and the ultimate Samurai Sudoku!) A must-have for all Sudoku enthusiasts.

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Customer Reviews

I love this sudoku book! I bought one elsewhere in March, 2010, and did about one puzzle every night at bedtime. Sometimes I did two, and other times I worked on a particularly hard puzzle for more than one night. This book lasted for over a year and a half that way - - I finished in November 2011. Since I would never remember a particular sudoku for this long, I ordered another copy of the same book. I guess this one will last me until late summer of 2013. What I like about the book is the format. It has the spiral binding, which makes it easier to hold it open to a particular puzzle. Also it is reasonably light, so I can hold it in one hand. The cover is like thin cardboard and is stiff enough to make writing easy. The paper is higher quality than that in some sudoku books, which makes erasing easier IMO. It has progressively harder puzzles, starting with "Warm-Up Puzzles" (pp. 9-68), followed by "Challenging Puzzles" (pp. 69-190), and "Tough Puzzles" (pp. 191-278), which are all standard sudoku puzzles. It ends with "Samurai Puzzles" (pp. 279-289) which are huge, like 5 contiguous sudoku puzzles. I ordered it from bookcloseouts_us on November 20th and it was delivered in perfect shape via USPS on December 5th. Shipping cost me as much as the book, but since the book is not expensive I think it is worth it.

My parents are great fans of Sudoku, so I figured this book would be perfect for them. Here are some things I learnt along the way:1. There are two puzzles an a page. This feels a bit cramped and my mother found the size difficult to deal with. She's used to doing Sudoku on the computer with lots of white space. My dad does the Sudoku in the newspaper, and had no problems with the size. If size is important, then this book probably isn't the one you want.2. The puzzles doesn't start off 'easy'. They're easy for experts, but they're all challenging for beginners and intermediates.3. The book has answers at the back! This is perfect for anyone who wants to double-check their numbers.4. The book is thick (500 puzzles!), but the length by width size is quite compact. It isn't literally a BIG book, it's quite small. It won't fit in a small purse, but a small tote will hold it just fine. This book is perfect for someone who has no issues with small printed Sudoku puzzles. My dad has a hard time putting this book down. The size of the puzzles bothers my mom, so she said she'd probably only use it while travelling. The computer is a better option for her. If this book had one puzzle per page, I think it would provide better readability.

I got this book for my boyfriend's grandpa for Christmas, and every time I've gone over to their house he's always got it in his hand. I can't imagine how it actual puzzles would be different from any other sudoku book, but the one big factor is the binding. Unlike most Sudoku books, this one has the spiral binding, which makes it way easier to do the puzzles that are closer to the binding. With most books you have to bend the pages back, and write in the crack of the book. The binding of this book makes it a lot easier to write in.

This book was purchased from as a gift for my husband and grandson. They just love this book and have had many hours of enjoyment doing the Sudoku puzzles. It was a great buy due to having so many puzzles in one book compared to some with only a few pages and a much higher price. For anyone who likes to do puzzle like this often, this would be a great book for you to have.

On my 2nd book and have given as gifts to other Sudoku lovers. Great book for beginners and for honing your skills up to the Tough Puzzle section.

If you like challenging sudoku puzzles, there is a real shortage of puzzles that are less than 24 or 25 numbers. There are only a handful. If you like a sudoku with 17 numbers and a "scratch" area to try out combinations, this book is not for you. If you like solving puzzles without having to take different combinations through a "dry run" to solve them, this may be the book for you. It also introduced me

to some mega-puzzles which were fun. The only mega-puzzle not available were the ones that use 16 numbers to a box. Overall, this is great book, because I can share it with my wife who only occasionally plays sudoku. I start in the back of the book and she has started in the front. The spiral binding makes it very easy to work on just one page at a time and the puzzles are easily removed, and never easy to remove on accident.

This is gonna save me hours of misery at work. Puzzles are a good size to be able to work them while still fitting two on each page. Very satisfied with this Sudoku book.

I was disappointed that even the most difficult puzzles in this book are pretty easy, in that they don't require any special techniques. I.e. you won't need to use anything like X-wing -- just the most basic techniques. The 5-in-1 Samurai puzzles are at least interesting -- but the regular puzzles are for beginners only (even the most difficult ones.) Also the puzzles are quite small. I have Frank Longo's other spiral-bound Sudoku books such as "Absolutely Nasty Sudoku Level 3" and the puzzles are much bigger on each page -- even though they also have two puzzles per page. If you are a beginner *and* you have really good eyes (for the small print) and can write tiny numbers for notes -- then this is a pretty good book for you. But there's no indication of that in the description -- so I hope this review is helpful ;-)

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