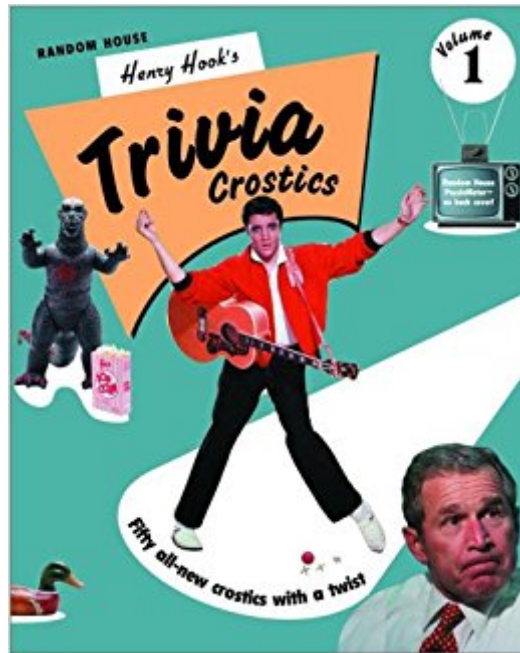


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Wildly creative Henry Hook is renowned for his unique ability to take a traditional puzzle, add his own spin to it and turn it into something brand-new. Examples of this talent are Random House History Mystery Crossword Puzzles and Henry Hook's Cryptic Crosswords.

I'm an avid crostics fan, and a fair trivia buff, but I could NOT enjoy any of these puzzles. At least the first 10 or 11, as I didn't bother to continue past those. Too many of these are targeted way too early for my generation, and the ones that were more current were extremely obscure. I couldn't even tease myself along by trying to check only the quote authors/answer source. I hope someone MUCH more obsessed with trivial knowledge and of an older generation will enjoy this more.

While I'm not a huge fan of crostics (I find them pretty tedious to solve, with all of the back-and-forth in writing letters), I tried this book since I often enjoy Henry Hook's puzzles. So far, I've finished over half of the puzzles and haven't had use references to finish any of the crostics. They do get easier in some ways as you get further into the book since he uses a lot of the "tricks" more than once. There have been a few that I was stuck on temporarily but I managed to work through it. I probably would've given this five stars if it wasn't for the lack of variety in the trivia questions and topics, which made it seem a little repetitious eventually.

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