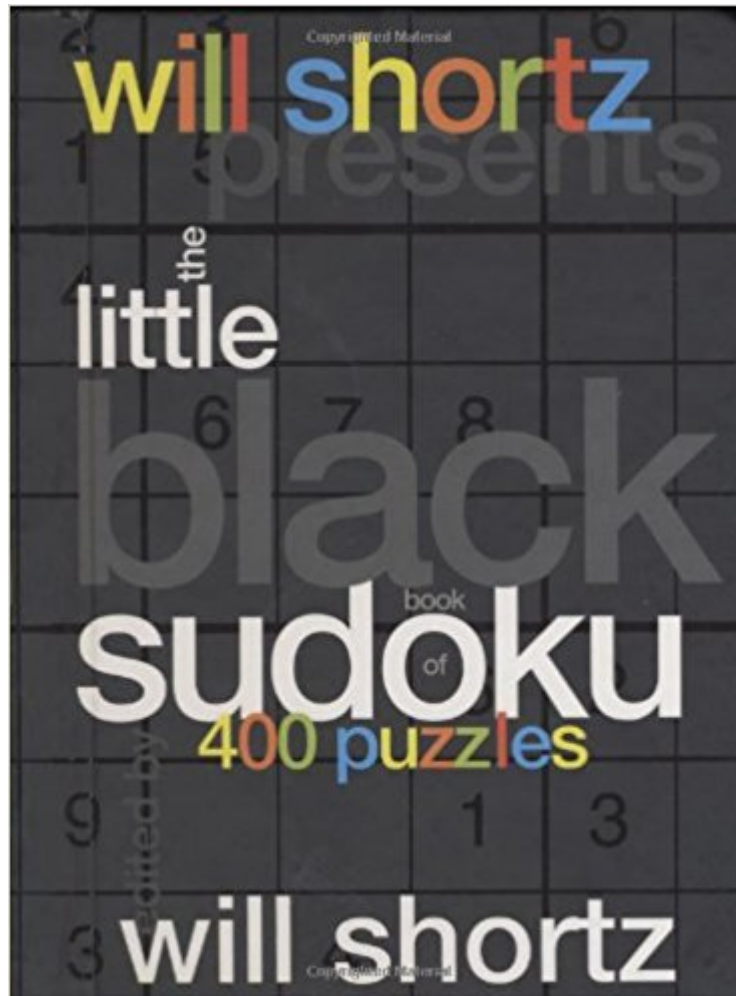




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Synopsis

It's smart. It's stylish. It's fun! And with its unique design, Will Shortz Presents The Little Black Book of Sudoku is bound to be the "must-have" collection for any puzzle fan. Edited by crossword great Will Shortz, this beautiful book offers 400 easy-to-hard puzzles in a convenient portable size, perfect for carrying in your purse, briefcase, or backpack. Features: * 400 sudoku puzzles, arranged according to difficulty * Sleek design with a covered spiral binding makes it easy to solve puzzles * Durable hardcover protects the book as it travels with you wherever you go * The perfect gift for any holiday * Edited by Will Shortz.

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Customer Reviews

“[Will Shortz is] the high priest of puzzling. Fortune [Sudoku] has become a pop culture phenomenon. CNN “The latest fad is Sudoku, a number game in a box, In less than two years, the puzzle has won a popularity that verges on the epidemic. Time “The newest puzzle craze to sweep the country. CBS News

Will Shortz has been the crossword puzzle editor of The New York Times since 1993. He is also the puzzlemaster on NPR's Weekend Edition Sunday and is founder and director of the annual American Crossword Puzzle Tournament. He has edited countless books of crossword puzzles, Sudoku, KenKen, and all manner of brain-busters.

Big disappointment. Wasted my money. I learned the hard way the difference between spiral bound and wire bound. This is a wire bound book which does not lie flat or spin around to become flat. I took the advice of other reviewers and removed the hard binding covering the wires which now causes the pages to fall out because the wires are open along the spine. It's also hard to use because the circumference of the wires is too large, thus making it difficult to write in the blocks close to the wires and I have small hands. It's too bad because I do like the page size, the puzzles are large and easy to see, and the paper suffers a lot of erasing without damage. The idiot publisher needs to make this a spiral bound book. Until then, I recommend you buy something else.

This review is only about the format of the book, not the the content. The book description says "Sleek design with a covered spiral binding makes it easy to solve puzzles". If you really expect spiral binding you find in school notebooks, then you will be disappointed. I've never seen binding done this bad way in the past, the binding does not allow you to keep the book flat on the table nor flip pages 360 degrees. I really don't get why no publishers create nice binding and sell sudoku pages you can add or remove. How hard is that?

I recently turned 30, so I made a list of 30 things to do while I'm 30. One of the things was to complete an entire book of sudoku puzzles. After reading the reviews of this book, I bought it. Other reviewers complained about the cover over the spiral binding. And yeah... it's annoying. But I cut the part of the cover that is over the spiral binding off and it lays perfectly flat. Check out the customer pics that I posted that shows it lying flat. As for the actual puzzles, I can't totally speak for the quality but I'm enjoying working through them. Right now I'm still in the Light and Easy section and they are... light and easy. I would definitely recommend this book to a friend.

Whether you are a Sudoku beginner, fan, aficionado, or hard-core addict, you cannot find better sudoku puzzles than those edited by NYTimes crossword guru, Will Shortz.

I got this book as a present for my wife who just loves Sudoku. Well, she really likes this book, particularly the paper the puzzles are on. She's used to the "el cheapo" books that use paper similar to that used for newsprint. She said, since she does erase every now & then, that the Little Black Book's pages withstand erasures much better than the "el cheapos." She likes the spiral binding as well and hasn't complained about any problems with it. After reading some reviews from other folks

who had complaints about the binding, I almost didn't get this book. I'm glad I did....I now have a happy wife, at least until the end of this book.

Yes, the puzzles are great. But it's also true that the awkward spine is a pain. I also trimmed off the cover that runs over the spine as another writer stated, which is an improvement. I enjoy Mr. Shortz puzzles, and I'm certain that he will address the issue.

I think this is a great gift for someone expressing an interest in sudoku. Graduated levels offer variety. I chose this over other books b/c of Will Shortz and my experience with his work. The reviews about the book not laying flat are true, but a simple cutting of the binding can solve that. The only issue I have is the number of puzzles of each skill level. There are 100 at each level, but for the person who "gets it," there may be wasted puzzles. After approx 5-10 puzzles on the easy level, one could move on to the moderate level and so on, leaving unneeded puzzles. I would have preferred a weighted approach, less easy puzzles and more hard puzzles to challenge the user a bit more. Still though, a better choice over other books.

I like the spiral binding and the puzzles are easy to see.

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