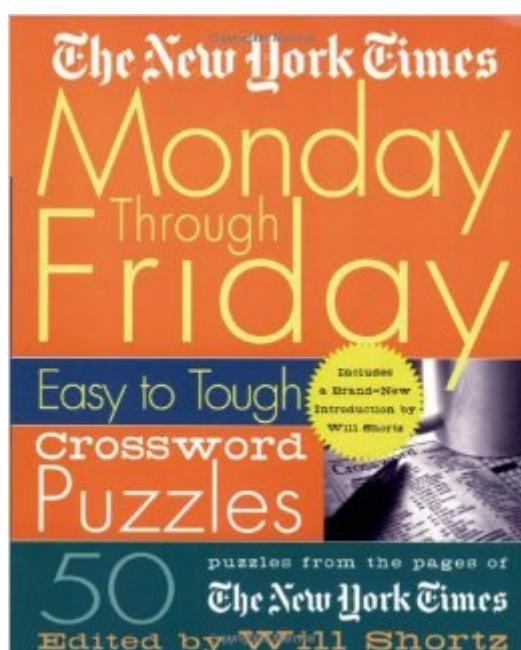


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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

In the past, most of the NY Times Crossword books were either themed collections or just general collections. There are the Sunday Crossword Books, as well as Will Shortz's Most Difficult Puzzle Books, but this book has a great advantage: You can tell immediately by the day of the week how difficult the puzzle is going to be. Want a quickie? Do a Monday! Want a toughie? Do a Friday. I often like the Wednesday or Thursday puzzles because they have fun gimmicks, but aren't too difficult. This book makes it easy to find them!

For those that don't know: the answers are in the back, six to a page. Some may have trouble with this and feel the desire to glance at the other answers on the page. If you are doing the puzzles in order, you may glance and remember an answer.The book is spiral bound, so it lays nice and flat, unlike those that are cheap and glue-bound like a magazine.Printed on newsprint-like paper, which makes it even lighter and packable. This book is much better than those cheap \$1 crossword puzzles you find in the store.

It's the NYT daily crossword so you know what to expect. BUT, it is NOT spiral bound which makes it a little inconvenient to do the left side unless you sit at a table. Bad but not terrible. What gives this a 1 star from me is that you can actually see where the manufacturer scanned a spiral bound edition to compile this one - you can see the black marks from the spiral wire on the left side of the page. Keeping the costs down is fine but don't produce sloppy imitations and pawn it off as the original.

Hooray! A crossword book that has easy AND hard puzzles, each clearly labeled, so you can work your way up as you get smarter (sadly, I'm still a Tuesday girl). If you're tired of Dell/Penny Press crossword books which are full of repeating, unimaginative clues, the NY Times crosswords will definitely bend your brain in a new way. AND, if you love crosswords, be sure to check out the film *Wordplay*, featuring Will Shortz!

I sent a link to this book to my daughter after she asked for a suggestion for a Christmas gift for me. I had bought the larger 1001 puzzle NYT book. I love it, but it is so large and bulky that it is limited as to where I can use it. I was looking forward to this simply because it was advertised as spiral bound. However, the book I received was NOT spiral bound. Never would I have found it worth its price had I known it was not spiral bound and would not lie flat. (And yes, the book was from [Amazon](#), bought through this link, as it was delivered to my house.)

It was, sadly, unavoidable for the once august NYT Crossword Dept. to fall victim to the decline of crossword quality as evidenced by the allegedly "contemporary" trend of easy creation (not solution) of crosswords by googling half-created entries and coming up with outrageous words that are not in common use, thus turning what used to be a mental exercise into a googling activity. Of this book's puzzles only about 50% are of the old NYT quality. In 40% of the puzzles most clues are some sort of irrelevant or incoherent pun or wordplay sentences, some ridiculously lengthy whose clues not even the wildest imagination can figure out., while the small number of straight clues do not enable one even to start figuring out such meaningless sentences. Many of the clues are pointless, most hinting at some character on a TV show, movie, play, novel, sports team, etc., and their relatives, or even their exes. The remaining 10% are truly offensive to the NYT reputation as they are either ridiculously difficult, or answers miss one or more letters, or contain symbols in some square instead of letters, while some answers are a jumble of letters that if re-aligned produce the intended result. In addition to the 50% of good puzzles, one good feature of this book is that it is spiral, thus easy to work on in bed.

This is how I started out with Crosswords. Monday and Tuesday were fine but Wednesday, Thursday and Friday were beyond me. I assumed because I was someone with BA and JD degrees, that crosswords would not be that difficult for me to solve. Wrong. There is an acquired way of thinking and analyzing needed to solve these puzzles. Today, several years later, I can do Wednesday and Thursday. Friday remains hopeless. Where I began to get lots better on solving these crosswords was to subscribe to the New York Times Crossword online site at forty dollars a year. This gives me access to every single puzzle, plus archived puzzles. The crossword software also alerts me when I choose a wrong letter so that I don't get too far astray from the solution. This correcting device really taught me a lot very fast. You can also turn this feature off if you want more of a challenge. I can't stress enough what a great thing this is to do, to subscribe to the online service. I am also able to play online but for free the following puzzles: USA Today, Universal, Washington Post, LA Times, Stanley Newman and Jonesin'. They also have correcting interactive devices with their puzzles. However, the New York Times remains the King of Crossword Puzzles. This book is a good place to start but the online puzzles will totally obsess you! Visit my blog with link given on my profile page here or use this phonetically given URL (livingasseniors dot blogspot dot com). Friday's entry will always be weekend entertainment recs from my 5 star reviews in film, tv, books and music. These are very heavy on buried treasures and hidden gems. My blogspot is published on Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

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