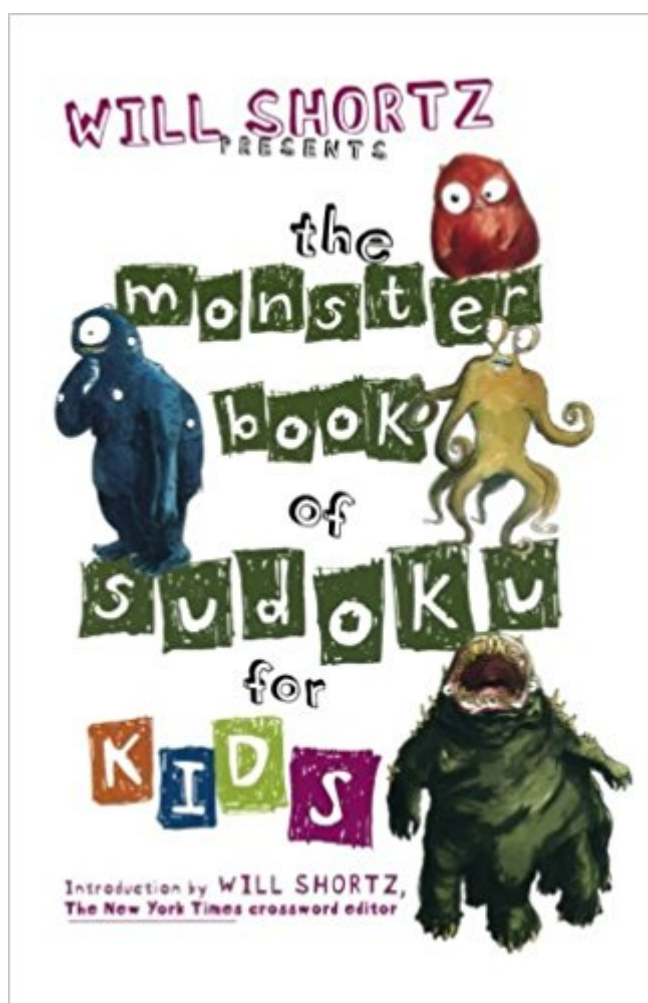


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Will Shortz Presents The Monster Book Of Sudoku For Kids: 150 Fun Puzzles



Synopsis

Sudoku has taken America by storm! Now kids can enjoy the puzzle that keeps their parents' minds racing and pencils sharpened. This edition, designed for children 8 and up, begins with a sudoku lesson from Will Shortz and very easy 4 x 4 grids to warm up. Then young solvers advance to more challenging 6 x 6 grids and finally tradition 9 x 9 sudoku puzzles. Features: 150 all-new sudoku puzzles Four difficulty levels including smaller "kid grids" Fun commentary and illustrations Edited by legendary New York Times crossword editor Will Shortz Big grids with lots of space for easy solving

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Customer Reviews

• A puzzling global phenomenon • The Economist • The biggest craze to hit The Times since the first crossword puzzle was published in 1935. • The Times of London • England's most addictive newspaper puzzle. • New York magazine • The latest craze in games • BBC News • Sudoku is dangerous stuff. Forget work and family • think papers hurled across the room and industrial-sized blobs of correction fluid. I love it! • The Times of London • Sudokus are to the first decade of the 21st century what Rubik's Cube was to the 1970s. • The Daily Telegraph • Britain has a new addiction. Hunched over newspapers on crowded subway trains,

sneaking secret peeks in the office, a puzzle-crazy nation is trying to slot numbers into small checkerboard grids. • Associated Press • Forget crosswords. • The Christian Science Monitor

Features: - 300 top-quality sudoku edited by Will Shortz- The "wordless crossword puzzles" that have taken the world by storm!- Introduction and solving tips from legendary puzzlemaster Will Shortz

A great book for that budding Sudoku master. There are a wide variety of skill levels represented, starting with easy 4x4 puzzles, progressing to 6x6 puzzles, up to the standard 9x9 puzzles. Each section of puzzles increases in difficulty gradually, so if done in order, one's skills will grow with the difficulty. It's also a nice feature because one may want to try a tougher 6x6 puzzle (go to the end of the section), or tackle a simpler 9x9 (keep near to the first few). My kids love racing me, tearing me out a 9x9 while they zip through a simpler one. Even the most advanced puzzles in this book would compare to a 2-star newspaper Sudoku, so it's probably not going to frustrate a young intrepid puzzler. Enjoy!

I bought this for my 6yo who'd been watching me do Sudoku. He started on the 4x4 problems and was knocking them out in a couple of minutes each. He worked straight through for about an hour and made it through 35 getting to 'Level 2', 6x6 puzzles. These also started easy, but got more challenging. By the time he was almost at Level 3, 9x9 puzzles, the 6x6 had gotten as hard as 6x6's can get and were taking him ~10 minutes each. Now when he started the 9x9's he didn't get frustrated that they took longer, and he knew that as long as he didn't give up he'd get the answers. Frankly, I can't imagine how any book could have done a better job of teaching him Sudoku, such that he is confident with full size puzzles!

I purchased this book for my 10-year old daughter, whose only real experience with puzzles was word searches. So basically, she had no experience with puzzles. She found the introduction/instructional section very helpful to lay out the basics of Sudoku in a far more elegant/eloquent way than I was able to do -- but that should not be a surprise as Will Shortz could be the most elegant/eloquent puzzlemaker we have today. Perhaps my only (small) complaint is that the second half of the puzzles take a big step-function up in level of challenge, but to Shortz' (and my daughter's) credit, she is sticking with it pretty well. Hopefully this will be the start of a long

friendship between my daughter and puzzles -- kenken is next!

I brought this for my 6 year old who showed an interest in Sudoku puzzles. She loves this book. She did find the 1-4 puzzles too easy and wasn't even having to think but she skipped onto the 1-6 puzzles and is enjoying working her way through them, she can't wait to get onto the full 1-9 ones towards the back on the book. This is a really good price for how many puzzles there are. Although my daughter is getting through them quickly, she seems to have a really talent for numbers. I do think this is a good book which helps build them up to the more advanced puzzles!

The first 35 puzzles are 4x4. Puzzles 36-70 are 6x6. And puzzles 71-150 are 9x9. I got this book for my 5 year old because he was wanting to watch way too much TV. We've only worked through the first 35 of the puzzles since they are the "Light and Easy" ones and he struggles to complete them without getting any hints from me. This is the first sudoku book my son has worked on, and I think it was a pretty good one to introduce my son to sudoku, albeit just a tad too challenging for my pre-kindergartener. After about a month of working through a puzzle a day, he's shown great improvement though. I know most puzzle books are printed on thinner paper using coarser fiber, but this book is a little pricier at over 8 dollars; and with my son inevitably using his eraser when working through the puzzles, the paper doesn't hold up and tears. Also, it's a little distracting to have numbers and graphics bleed through each page.

My 11 year old was wanting me to teach her Sudoku but some of mine were a bit challenging. We quickly tired of downloading puzzles online and purchased this book for long flights and car trips. The different levels are great with the easy ones giving her confidence to tackle the harder ones.

Great starter book! My 10 year old and my 8 year old both love it. I have taken television away to make them use their minds this summer and we are very pleased. My niece and nephew are now into the book and even my mother has torn out a few pages to try. I'm having to look for another one now...

This is a great book on Sudoku for kids. The book includes 150 puzzles. The puzzles are of various sizes: 4x4, 6x6, and 9x9. The solutions are at the end of the book. There are four levels of difficulty for the puzzles. The first four pages in this book are dedicated for strategy, hints, rules, or tips. All the puzzles in the book are Classic Sudoku (with numbers). There are no Alphabet Sudoku (with

letters) or Symbol Sudoku (with shapes and symbols) like the two books "Kindergarten Sudoku" and "Super Sudoku for Kids".

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