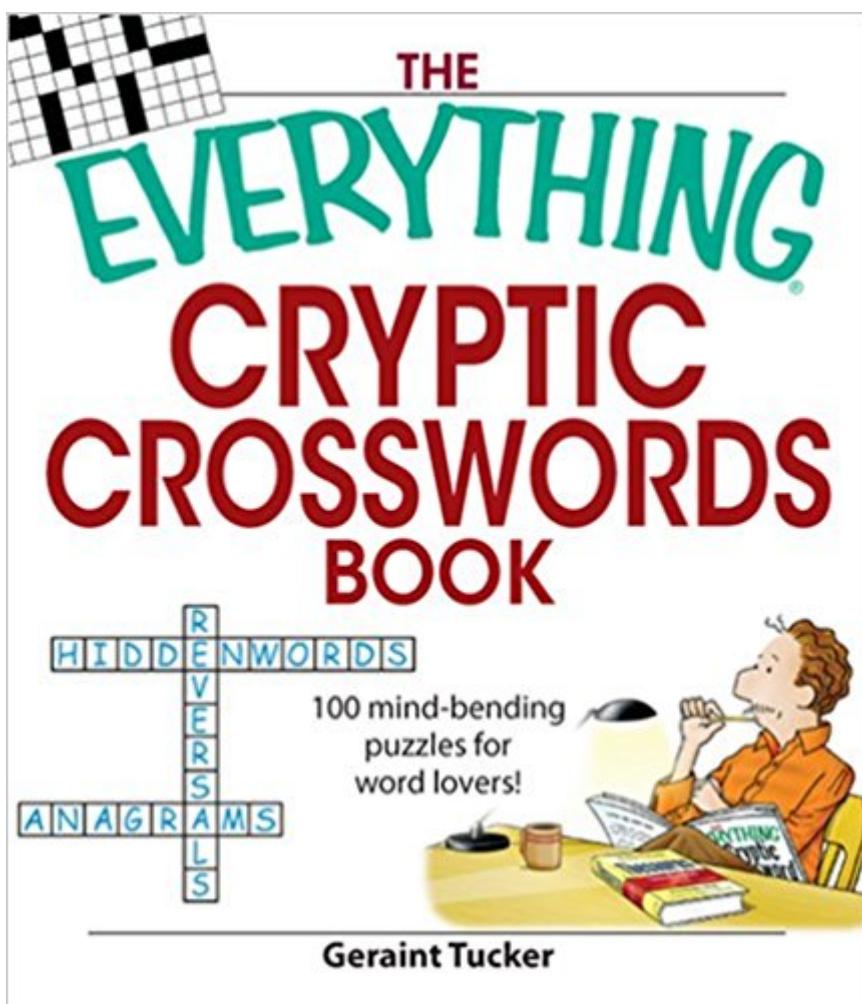


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Contains puzzles with few interlocks, like a middle school vocabulary test crossword! Multiple puzzle grids and puzzle clues violate standard rules of cryptic crosswords. And, the introduction emphasizes that cryptic solving is hard and unpleasant. It actually directs a solver to sit alone at a desk for an hour or two with a dictionary at hand and struggle with the task of learning to understand cryptics!! I bought this to introduce a friend to cryptics, but of course never gave it. If you want to learn about cryptic crosswords, don't get this book! PS If you've never tried cryptics, They are really fun, and sometimes laugh-out-loud funny with the wordplay involved. No dictionary required.

Fun book.

There are plenty of puzzles here, but little information on how to solve cryptic style puzzles. That was a disappointment. A person needs a lot more info about how to solve these puzzles--wordplay etc. and you won't find that in this book.

This is a five star book of puzzles due primarily to the varied degrees of challenge. There are roughly 100 puzzles which will satisfy both the novice and expert cryptic crossword lover.

very happy with product

I used to be a subscriber to Tough Cryptics magazine, so I appreciate a fair challenge! I struggled through about 6 of these, and gave up on this constructor. Terribly written clues, certainly a bad

book for a beginner.

I used this book as a textbook in an adult ed course on cryptic crosswords and was really disappointed. The setter's clues are below par and all too often forced. He uses truly unusual words as answers that one must look up in dictionaries; this is acceptable in British cryptics, but not the norm in American cryptics. Definitely not a book for beginners and not all that satisfying for seasoned solvers.

Being a big fan if cryptic crosswords, I've been discouraged by the lack of collections such as this. The puzzles become increasingly more challenging as one progresses through the pages, but the clues and answers are not so obscure or arcane as many of those found in British publications. Thank you, Mr. Tucker, for creating a truly fun book! (I'm still working on it.)

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