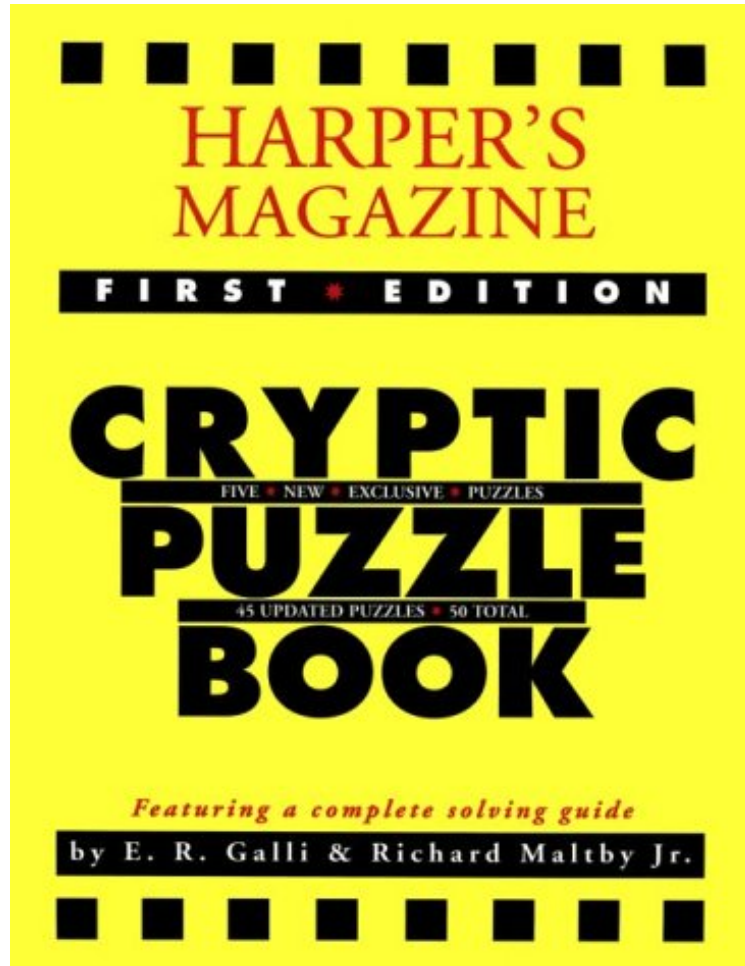


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7 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Collection! By Rosalind Bickel This book is definitely worth getting! The editors are the same who do the puzzle at the back of Harper's, so if you do the Harper's puzzles you will love this. There are 2 Dodacahedrons, a Chinese Puzzle Box, and tons of other "gimmick" puzzles. Hours and hours of fun! 8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Start building up your intellect today! (3,2) By Jeff Laing If you discovered the magazine "Tough Cryptics" too late (as I did - alas, its no longer in publication), you've missed out on puzzling pleasure, unless you buy the Random House anthologies... edited by Stanley Newman. From there, progress to this one - every puzzle is a \*variety\* cryptic from Harpers Magazine sometime between 1976 and 1979 (according to the book itself; I can't confirm it) - the authors promise that all the "timely" clues have been edited away. A warning though, if you can't work through the regular cryptics in Games Magazine (where you will regularly

see works by Maltby and Galli), then this book is possibly not for you - every variety puzzle is probably twice as hard as a regular cryptic. So far, I've found it to be almost on a par with the Henry Hook collections, although I feel that Maltby and Galli use a few more obscurities than Hook. On the other hand, they give a quite nice "solvers guide" as introduction together with some well-worked example puzzles whereas Henry wants his readers to suffer. :-)

To the dedicated cryptic cruciverbalist, this book will be a treat. A. "Buy it" 3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Excellent for learning and doing

By Len This is an excellent guidebook for learning about cryptic puzzles and solving them. The first section presents the basic categories of clues, with an explanation of how to solve each. Next come 45 puzzles, often organized around themes. Lastly come the answers. Each puzzle is very challenging, generally requiring much quiet puzzle-solving time, and a dictionary and thesaurus to really explore the clues. All-in-all, solving this collection is a highly rewarding, fun exercise. There are some annoying typos to be fixed in the next edition, but otherwise it's excellent.