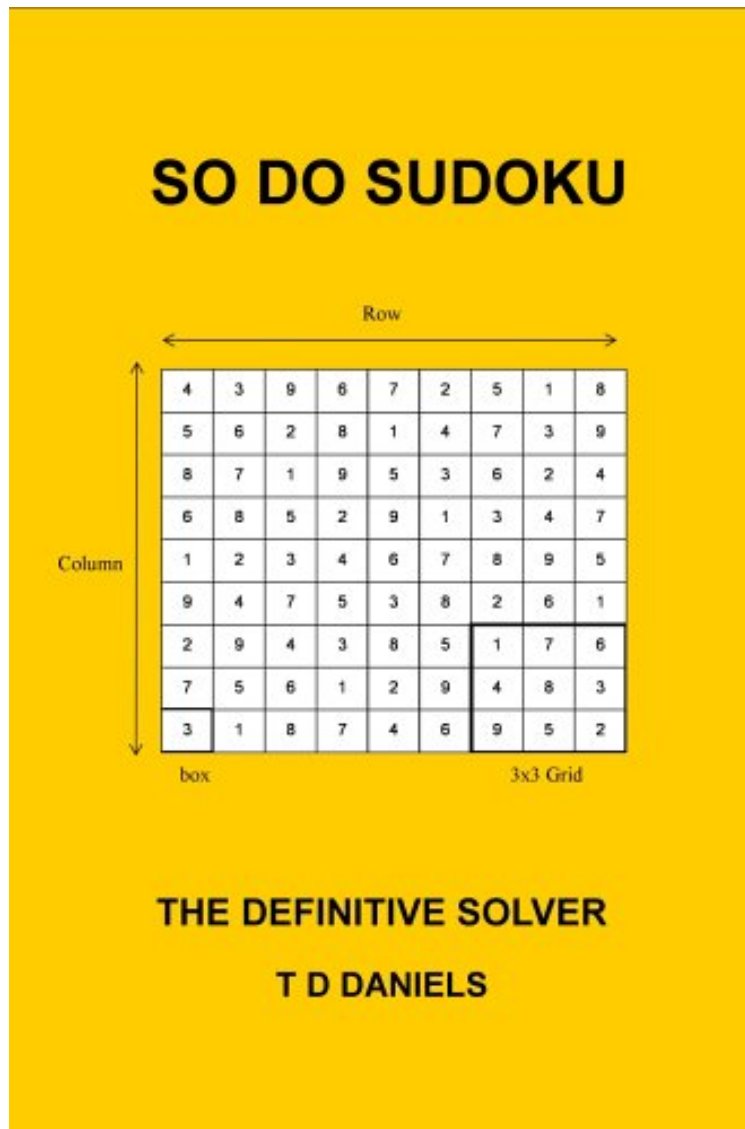


# So Do Sudoku: The Definitive Sudoku Solver

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giving several ways to crack a nut when the simplest will do. This is something fresh. The basic techniques are so simply shown they jump out from the page at you. One scanning technique I have not seen elsewhere makes others such as 'slicing and slotting' or 'three in a line' redundant, because it enables you very quickly to eliminate cells and is much more efficient. It is obvious in hindsight but not so obvious beforehand. The book contains twins and triplets (called Doubles and Triples), but whereas other books just have the naked version this has the hidden version as well. There are also very good tips when you are stuck. It has no puzzles (but you can get these for free anyway), however the solved puzzle at the end is a genuine difficult one (beware books with extreme/super difficult categories, I have always found them to be intermediate to difficult, the only truly extreme ones not in print but on websites). The very last page of the book has something for kids...how to create your own genuine 9x9 sudoku puzzles. I was dubious about this and checked it out....it works!, but you do need internet access to do it. In short this book is a little gem! 9 of 12 people found the following review helpful. To the point and very easy to follow. By Gus This book is easy to read and the techniques are easy to remember, and go as far as you need unless you want techniques that are like Degree level maths for the relatively few specialist puzzles out there like the mensa book. The book is broken up into the following parts: THE BASICS-explains the rules SIMPLE ELIMINATION COMBINATIONS: Shows by diagrams how to use 1 or 2 elements of the grid to eliminate cells in the third element and thereby place a number in that element, the 3 elements being rows, columns and mini-grids (3x3). With this in mind the book has the following headings: 3x3 Grid and Rows 3x3 Grid and Columns 3x3 Grid, Rows and Columns SCANNING THE 3x3 GRID - a simple way of using mini-grids to place a number in a row or column. ODD ONE OUT-filling a cell when eight out of the possible nine numbers can be seen in the the row, Column and mini-grid that the unknown cell is part of. TEST EXAMPLES: Using the above techniques asks the reader to fill in a cell in each test diagram. ADVANCED ELIMINATIONS: DOUBLES: Version 1 (or hidden twins) Version 2 (or naked twins) Using 2 cells locked to 2 numbers to eliminate other possibles, either in those same 2 cells (hidden) or in other cells in the same element (naked). TEST EXAMPLES: Asks the reader to eliminate number possibles in cells using Doubles in individual diagrams. TRIPLES: Version 1 (or hidden triplets) Version 2 (or naked triplets) Using 3 cells locked to 3 numbers to eliminate number possibles either, in the same 3 cells (hidden), or in other cells of the same element (naked) TEST EXAMPLES: Asks the reader to eliminate number possibles using Triples in individual diagrams. SUMMARY OF VERSION 1 AND 2: Helps the reader to understand Doubles and Triples, and explains in what circumstances their power or effect is doubled. SUMMARY OF TECHNIQUES: The steps taken to tackle a puzzle. ANSWERS TO TEST EXAMPLES: To check or find the answers to all 9 test examples. A STEP-BY-STEP SOLUTION: A puzzle (as difficult as you are likely to generally come across) is solved one number at a time using all the above techniques. FINAL TIPS: Tips to help you find the next number when you are well and truly stuck.

This book is a Sudoku solver, but is quite different from any others. All the best solving techniques can be found inside its cover, together with some very original tips, when you are well and truly stuck. What makes it unique is the way the techniques are illustrated. Other solvers use full grids, and co-ordinates to describe a particular box (or cell), so the reader has to find his or her way around the grid before appreciating what is being taught. This book uses only the necessary part of a grid, so the reader is focussed immediately on the technique in question. When co-ordinates have to be used in full grid illustrations (as in the Step-by-Step Solution), they are kept as simple as possible. In a nutshell, clarity is maximised and confusion minimised, so more time can be used for actual learning. A puzzle of some difficulty is (one step at a time) solved, to enable the reader to see all the techniques used together, to get to the solution. Take this book away with you, read it, and carry it for reference, until all the techniques and tips are second nature, and you will soon be searching for more and more difficult puzzles to challenge your new skills.