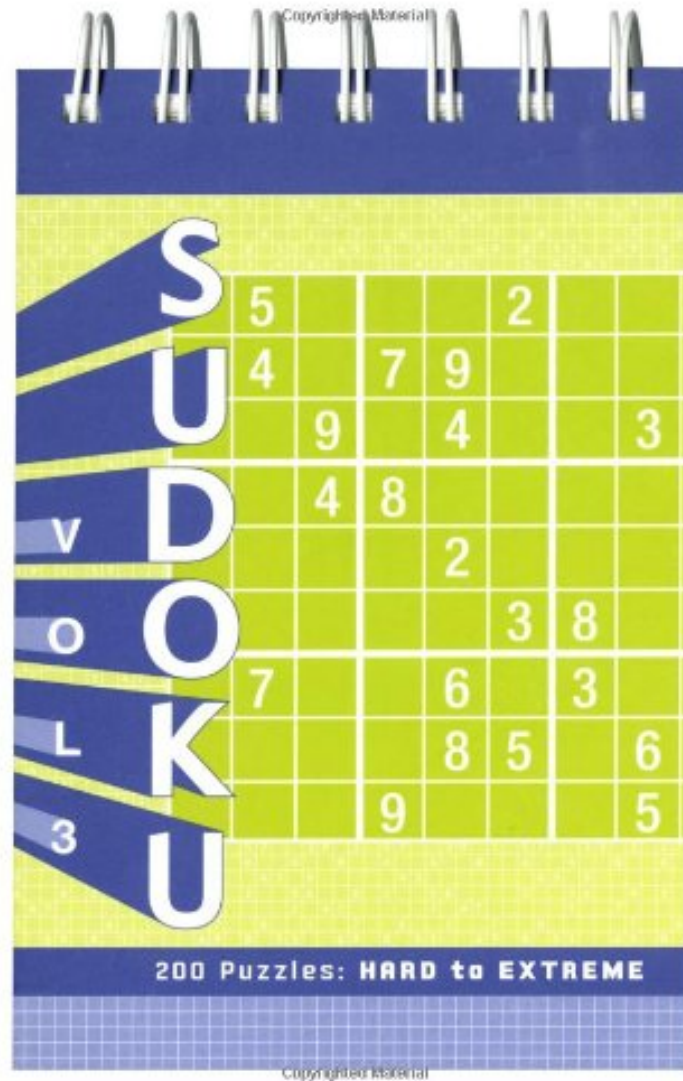


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23 of 23 people found the following review helpful. Hard puzzlesBy telkThe puzzles are hard. What I do not like is that the size is too small for me to enter options in the cells. I wish it were the size of a Will Shultz puzzle book.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very challenging and lot's of fun!By DBAVery happy with it - the compact size, the quality of the pad itself, the wire-o binding (as opposed to spiral), the fact that it's one puzzle per page, the

good-sized print, and of course, the challenge of the puzzles. I've done 18 of them thus far and they are definitely quite challenging. The easiest of them took me roughly half an hour, and some took a few hours. You often reach a point where you have two options rather than one, and thus you have to do some trial and error. The way I play it is that I have an actual Sudoku board (the plastic blue one with the white plastic tiles). I set up the red numbers according to the puzzles in this booklet, then I solve it regularly as far as I can, and once I reach a point where I have two or more options (but no single definite move) I start placing in the numbers sideways. This way, if the option doesn't work then I just undo those sideways numbers and know by default that the second option must work - and it does. You just have to keep track and remember what those two options are as you try out the first one. And this is only the expert levels. I haven't even gotten to the grandmaster and super grandmaster levels yet! I do the puzzles in their set order and when I complete one I make a mark on that page. This way I know which one's I've done already. I plan to go all the way through the book, then do it over again, marking each page a second time as I complete it a second time. I plan to place the numbers in the board sideways the second time around (e.g. if you take the booklet and turn it 90 degrees and look at the puzzle as if it's set up this way). Then the third time around I'd turn the booklet upside down, the fourth time another 90 degrees, and then back to the regular way - over and over again. Considering how many puzzles there are and their level of difficulty, I don't anticipate that I'll remember the solutions by heart after going through the book over and over, especially considering I'd turn the booklet at 90 degree angles each time.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. DIFFICULTY LEVELS "On the Brink of Tears of Frustration" to "Resent your Children and Their Gifts" By L They are not joking with that "Extreme Grandmaster" difficulty rating. I bought this for my mom who is an avid Sudoku puzzler, she does about two to three 5/5 star difficulty puzzles per day. She could get exactly zero of these. These puzzles are incredibly hard. The 4 skill categories range from "On the Brink of Tears of Frustration", to "Resent your Children and Their Gifts", to "Give up on your Dreams" to "Let the Dog Chew it, so You Can Have a Plausible Excuse to Throw it Away" This is not so much a fun game book, it's more of a way to demoralize your relatives with what masquerades as a fun gift. To all curious buyers, good luck on becoming the Magnus Carlsen of sudoku.

Perfect for sharpening concentration and reasoning skills, here are 200 all-new Sudoku puzzles that build in difficulty level from hard to very challenging. A must-have for every on-the-go Sudoku sleuth!

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