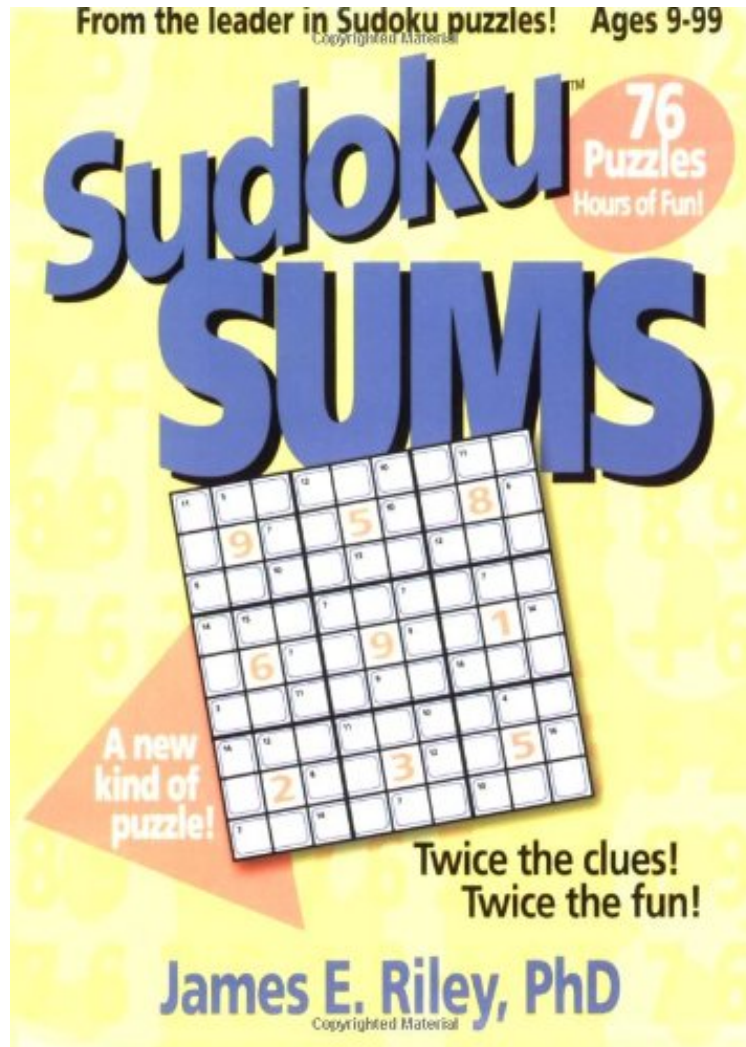


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**James Riley : Sudoku Sums** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Sudoku Sums:

13 of 13 people found the following review helpful. DON'T WASTE YOUR MONEYBy MithrandirThis book is an embarrassment. This sudoku variant is most commonly known as "Killer Sudoku" (or in some magazines as "Sumdoku"). There is nothing "killer" about any of these poorly designed puzzles, however. (Perhaps that's why the author gave the book a different name?) Those reviewers who thought the puzzles in here are tough need to find another pursuit. They are all ridiculously easy.Many of them, as another reviewer correctly pointed out, are extremely poorly designed, in that they have more than one solution. Examples are numbers 11, 25, 32, 35, 37, 40, 44, 47, 71, 76. Furthermore, the author does not follow the customary rule in this type of puzzle that all of the digits in each "cage" be

unique -- in other words, no number should appear more than once in any given sum. The author flouts this rule from the start in puzzle no. 1. I realize he does not, in his introduction, give this as a rule. At least he had the good grace to recognize that he would not (or perhaps was not an adept enough puzzle designer to) adhere to it. In short, more than 15% of the puzzles in this book are seriously flawed, and none is remotely challenging. Finally, the book, while cheap, is poor value, as it contains a niggardly 76 puzzles. Those who want a challenge should purchase any of the Killer Sudoku volumes published by The Times of London. E.g., The "Times" Killer Su Doku; The "Times" Killer Su Doku: Bk. 3. currently lists five such volumes. Each contains, as I recall, 125 - 150 well-designed puzzles, which are divided into different difficulty levels, all of which (other than those labeled "easy") are challenging, and those categorized as "Deadly" really ARE difficult; even the "easy" ones are more challenging than anything in this pathetic waste of time and money. The author advertises himself as a high school math teacher. Hopefully he lavishes more care on the education of young minds than he did on these puzzles. Then again, as one in higher education who sees what's coming out of high schools these days, I doubt it.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. best for a beginner  
By Joyce Edwards  
If you are looking for difficult puzzles this is not for you. These are quite easy as the vast majority of the sum combinations encompass only 2 cells.  
8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Lazy puzzle writer  
By S. Leslie  
I love this genre of puzzle, but this writer was too lazy to create good quality puzzles. Several puzzles had multiple correct answers. Another "cheat" is to include blank spaces in the grid which were not included in any of the sums. What I loved about this book was the size and its stiff cardboard back. "Jumbo Sudoku Fusion" and "Will Shortz's Favorite Sudoku Variations" include these types of puzzles and I recommend them.

This is a challenging new variety of Sudoku puzzles with two types of clues: the traditional number clue in a single cell, and a sum clue that covers two or more cells. Together, the clues make the solution somewhat easier, assuming you can do the math! 76 puzzles. 5" x 7". 2006. GDY415.

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James E. Riley, PhD, was a professor of mathematics at Western Michigan University and a high school math teacher for 30 years after serving as an officer in the U.S. Army. His previous books include *Helping Your Child with Math*, *Stand Up Math* and *Middle School Math Competition Problems*. He currently resides in Teddington, England.