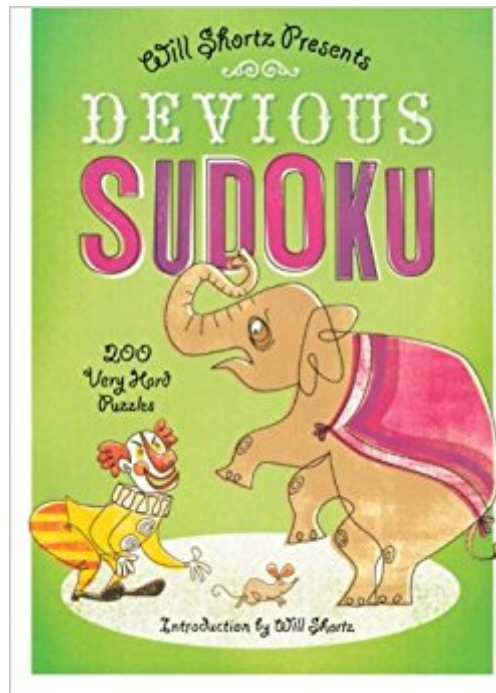




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"New York magazine" - "The latest craze in games"
"BBC News" - "Sudoku is dangerous stuff. Forget work and family" - think papers hurled across the room and industrial-sized blobs of correction fluid. I love it!
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If you, like me, find newspaper puzzles boringly simple, the Will Shortz books are nicely done and fairly consistently rated. His collections run from mixed collections to medium to hard, to very hard. If you are a master of this stuff, there are more difficult Sudoku books available but Shortz works for me. This collection consists of what he calls "Beware, very Challenging" and "Mind-melting". So they are harder than many of his hard collections. I find them just right, puzzling but generally solvable. I also like the fact that they are in a good size format and printed on quality paper, so that the an HB pencil mark shows up.

I am looking for challenging sudoku puzzles even perhaps using some advanced techniques. Most of there puzzles are as devious as possible without using any advanced techniques, such as xwing, simple coloring, etc. They all use a similar style with hidden singles, hidden naked pairs, and a lot of naked triples that gradually reduce the possibilities, resulting in a difficult ongoing process until the puzzles are almost solved. I've reached the last 2 dozen and they have even become more difficult, one requiring an xwing so far.

I love will shortz puzzles! He does a really good job (one of the best) at rating his puzzles. A lot of the supposedly "hard" puzzles out there I find myself solving without even writing down a single note. That rarely happens with will shortz puzzles. When he says they're hard, they usually are! If you are looking for a challenge, this is a great puzzle book.

I have not worked through the entire book yet, only about the beginning 30%. Almost all can be solved with straight forward logic but a few need to identify X-Wing configurations.

This is extremely hard, just the way I like it

of course, the best. Prices a bit high.

I have several Sudoku books by Will Shortz, and this one does not disappoint. These puzzles are hard enough that it takes some thought to get through them, but not so bad that I quit. Just right for

my use.

purchased for a Christmas gift for a friend who can't find puzzles hard enough. These look real hard. Tried one copying it and it was,

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