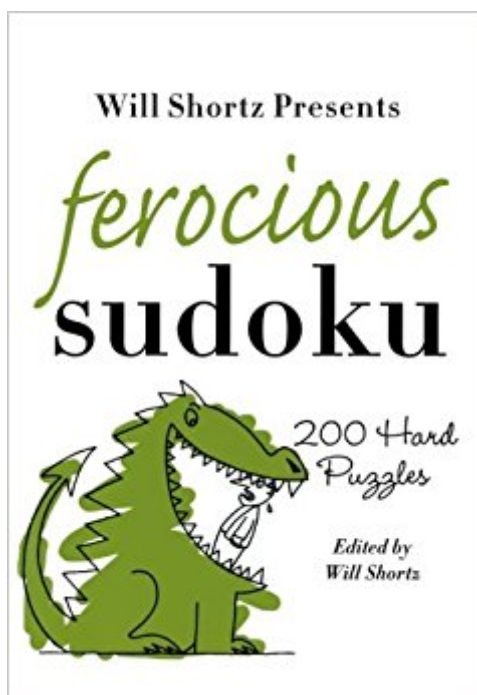


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# Will Shortz Presents Ferocious Sudoku: 200 Hard Puzzles



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-200 hard puzzles-Perfect portable size-Big grids for easy solving

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I have not been disappointed. I expected the same great paper as the original book I had, and it is easily erasable two to three times! For me, that is very necessary, as I refuse to quit until the book is completed, no matter how many times I find that I have managed to get two fives on the same line. Will Shorts, thank you! This is how I get myself to sleep nearly every night - otherwise I would have a racing mind and get no Zs! In fact, my customers and family thank you as well. The hard is exactly that and the Very Difficult is exactly that. I have needed this type of challenge every day of my life. Definitely will keep buying your books, pal! I don't even mind buying two or three of the same copy. I'd never know if I repeated one anyway.

I received this book for Christmas and have solved all but about 10 of the puzzles. I've been solving Sudokus for a year or so but most of the books I picked up previously had puzzles ranging from very easy to difficult rather than starting out at a harder level. When I tried the first puzzle or two in this book, I felt utterly defeated. I had to wait until I was in quieter surroundings and after working on several puzzles, I began to fall into a rhythm - - it seems like all puzzle creators have a few of their own quirks and patterns that become somewhat intuitive to the solver after awhile. This book is definitely not for novice Sudoku solvers but if you like a challenge, this should give you great value for your money. (Contrary to another poster, I actually like the paper in this book -- very "erase-able" -- and I definitely make mistakes along the way so erasing is important to me! Now I just have to go back to the puzzles I've failed on to see if I can solve them with a fresh eye .)

Perfectly sized puzzles on easily-erased paper. I like Will Shortz puzzles for the most part. Notice that he does not follow the conventional rules of mirror number placement, and he gives fewer than 30 key numbers. which is also supposedly the conventional Sudoku format. For all that I have been able to solve most puzzles so far without resorting to wild things like Gordonian rectangles and Squirmbags, thank goodness. I'll buy another of Will's books in the future..

I thought I was a Sudoku master, and was not challenged at all by the Sudoku puzzles I found online and in the papers. So much so that I started doing them in pen. So this book was a real breath of fresh air. The puzzles are very, very hard, but workable. They take me anywhere from 30-45 min. each, which is perfect right before bed. There are tons of puzzles so I definitely feel like I got my money's worth. So if you're looking for a challenge, definitely start here.

Excellent Sudoku puzzles. However, the book style makes it very hard for a right-handed person to do the puzzles on the left hand side of the page (and vice versa for lefty's) without using one hand to hold the other side of the book down. As a result, I am just going through and doing all the puzzles on the right hand page - and will probably resort to tearing out the puzzles on the left hand page. Nonetheless the book size is nice and small, so it travels well.

This book was purchased as a gift. It was much appreciated.

Grandpa loves it but the puzzles are definitely ferocious. He's always done sudoku and finds these very challenging and fun. When he first tried it, it would take him 3 hours to finish one! Now it takes him about an hour. Some have had to be scrapped due to mistakes that can't be recovered from without cheating. Great buy but definitely not for the average sudoku lover.

A Bday present for my wide, who is the family champ, and she loves it.

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