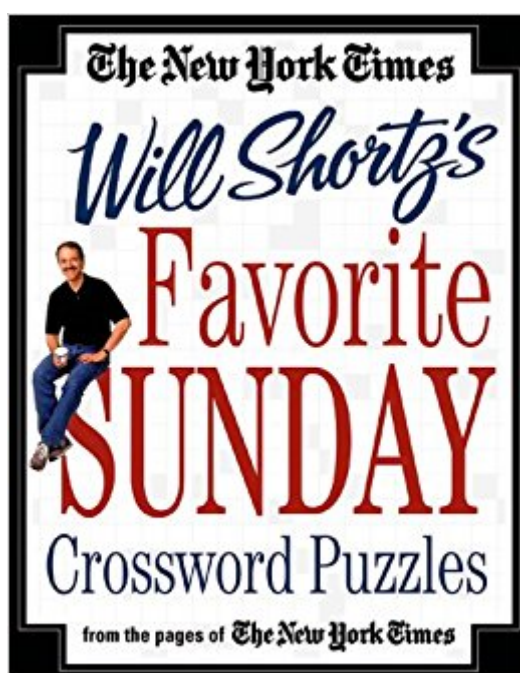


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Will Shortz has been the crossword puzzle editor of The New York Times since 1993. He is also the puzzlemaster on NPR's Weekend Edition Sunday and is founder and director of the annual

American Crossword Puzzle Tournament. He has edited countless books of crossword puzzles, Sudoku, KenKen, and all manner of brain-busters.

Ha! Good luck with this book. After a few decades away from crosswords, I've been slowly returning to my old enjoyable pastime by ripping out the Sunday puzzles from my local paper. I get two each Sunday, the LA Times and the NY Times. After rumbling, bumbling and stumbling a bit, I got back in the hang of it and my heretofore little used vocabulary started having purpose again. Problem was, I didn't have enough puzzles! Step right up with this collection of mighty tough puzzles. Some feature those annoying "trick" answers that include multiple letters, symbols and whatnot that makes me cross, but on the whole, it's still a collection of amazingly tough crosswords. Well, at least for me. With no puzzle dictionary and using pen, I haven't been able to finish a single one yet without "puzzle support" from the back of the book. I feel no shame whatsoever. Speaking of the book, it's a gem that it's spiral bound. Some other collections I looked at are simple gum-bound and that means the puzzles don't sit flat. Here, the only annoyance is where it should be: solving the puzzle. I look forward to buying more collections in the future. The distant future, at the rate I'm solving these.

Generally, I enjoy NYT puzzles, but this collection is disappointing. Its copyright is 2004, and the puzzles range in age from 1999 to 2003; a little long in the tooth. The type is small and difficult to read for my eyes. I've completed 20 of the puzzles, but in the end, they just aren't fun, so I'm going to take it to the thrift store. From the other reviews, many people like it a lot. I just found myself looking up the answers too often.

I love the Times puzzle. I love Will Shortz. I don't love this book. Even though it's basically disposable, production quality should have been higher. Number one on the list -- the paper should have been heavier. It's very annoying to see through to the puzzle on the other side of the sheet I'm working on, and I, for one, need to use an eraser frequently.

I wish I'd known the dates of these puzzles. I'm too young to know many of the answers to these clues, and it feels like cheating to look them up. I'd have preferred puzzles from this decade.

Good puzzles....very challenging (I seem to like it when I can rarely complete an entire puzzle). My only disappointment is that rather than the nice, white paper I prefer, this book has the cheap, see-through yellow paper.

Just a personal opinion, these are too hard for me to enjoy. Probably good for those who are expert level solvers. Nice format, with the spiral binding.

Would be great if I could read the words. Type is way too small, especially for older folks. I should have ordered a larger type crossword puzzle book.

Little harder than what I expected which was only reason I gave it four stars. Gave it to my mother and she loved the puzzles

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