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Customer Reviews

Although I've been able to solve most of the puzzles, I've been stumped sometimes because the puzzles, are poorly edited if at all. Two examples are academic spelled acedemic as the answer to a clue, and another, using deers as the plural of deer. Some of the clues tend to be ridiculous and farfetched, and others tend to be pop culture references of the most obscure sort, or bits of knowledge that your average person would have no hope of knowing. I'm reminded of the original BBC series "The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin" in which Reginald is heard to mutter, while doing

a crossword puzzle that the clue "18th Century Classical Peruvian Poet" is no help at all to him.

I own most of the Simon & Schuster Mega Crossword Puzzle books ... and this is the most recent one I ordered. Up to now I have thoroughly enjoyed working them ... but I don't recommend buying this book. The puzzles aren't nearly as good as the later issues. Too many big words I never heard of and/or clues that don't make sense ... and the answers in the back of the book are HORRIBLE! They are so tiny it takes a magnifying glass to make them out. (and my eyesight isn't that bad) Thankfully all the other books in this series have been hugely improved over this first one they issued. Buy the rest ... skip this one.

I've enjoyed other books in this series, and was surprised at this one. I have come across several glaring errors, many clues so far off the mark it's just not fun. I think the editing was the problem, and I have to say I have never run into such bad editing in 55 years of puzzle works.

This is the first in a series of cross-words that is challenging without being totally frustrating. They make one think, but are constructed such that if one keeps filling in parts, helps with the difficult word or words. Some of the responses that initially seems obscure, if one thinks about it, matches the clue--just not at first. Some of the words are soooo esoteric or the fact so vague that they irritate me, but it all helps keep my brain active and stretched. A great series of books and reasonably priced.

I like this book of crosswords. I can't give it five stars because I can't say I love it; I've seen much better. My wife and I work these puzzles together, and we have found some errors--more than should have gotten past the editors--in definitions, word usage, etc. The pages are perforated, so you don't have to fight the book as you're working a puzzle; just tear out a page and you have two puzzles to keep you occupied. I'd recommend this only after you've finished all the New York Times, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, and other stand-by books.

I'm not very far into this X-word book yet but so far, so good. I purchased another Simon & Schuster book recently and really liked it so bought two more. The puzzles are challenging without being impossible and contain fun themes. For me, if they're too easy, they're no fun to work. I'll very likely buy more of this series.

Too many questions deal with "who painted the _____?" or "who created/designed/made the _____?" to be much fun. I understand later editions don't do this as much, for which I am looking forward!

I have been doing crossword puzzles since I was a little girl and as a result, I am very good at them. It is usually difficult for me to locate crossword puzzle books that are hard enough so that I enjoy them, without being so hard that I can't finish them. The Simon & Schuster Mega Crossword Book series is just about perfect.

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