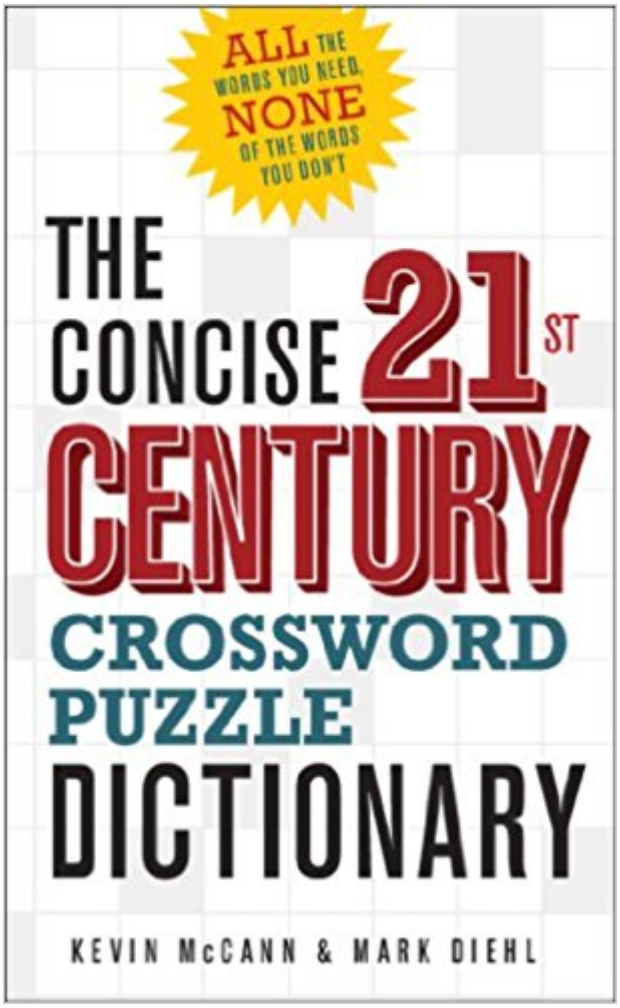
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Mark Diehl constructs crosswords for the New York Times, Los Angeles Times, and other puzzle venues.Ã Â Kevin McCann is the creator of cruciverb.com, a website for crossword constructors.

The older addition was bigger and contained more information than this one. I thought this would be updated, but all they did was print it on a smaller page and delete a lot of information. There is no updating of clues dealing with computers or texting. If you want a small hard to use book this is it. I don't think it will last half as long as my previous.

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This crossword dictionary is a great buy for anyone who does a lot of crosswords. There are up to date pop culture references, great lists and even an index at that end which tells what lists are included. The most used clues are highlighted. I am definitely glad I purchased this dictionary. I have The Million Word Crossword Dictionary which is a nice crossword dictionary but does not include the comprehensive lists that this dictionary contains.

It didn't have the longer words I needed. The words are very basic as are the puzzle answers. I really like the Million Word crossword dictionary, but it does not give words for puzzles over 10 letters long. I thought the 21st Century dictionary would be a good addition. I am disappointed with

the book.

There are some cross word items that are not in this dictionary. This is to be expected because certain puzzles come from sources that do not seem to match the dictionaries. We probably need find a dictionary be another author and use both of them. We find the answer to our search about half of the time.

I thought this was an updated edition of the book my wife already has. However, when I received it I found that it was an abridged edition of her book.

Bear in mind that we are both well educated and in our 50's and 60's. The book is well laid out, well cross referenced aside from a few oddities, and reasonably easy to use. My wife says the down side is that it references more to TV and contemporary than older more sophisticated words. It is more for small words up to 6 letters than big, more difficult to find words. The look up structure is a bit odd, for example, the reference look up is for adjective, noun rather than noun, adjective. For example looking for rubber shoes, the category is for rubber then shoes rather than shoes, rubber. The good side is it is up to date and useful and the soft cover is lighter than a hardbound book; is easier to hold and use with her disabled hands.

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