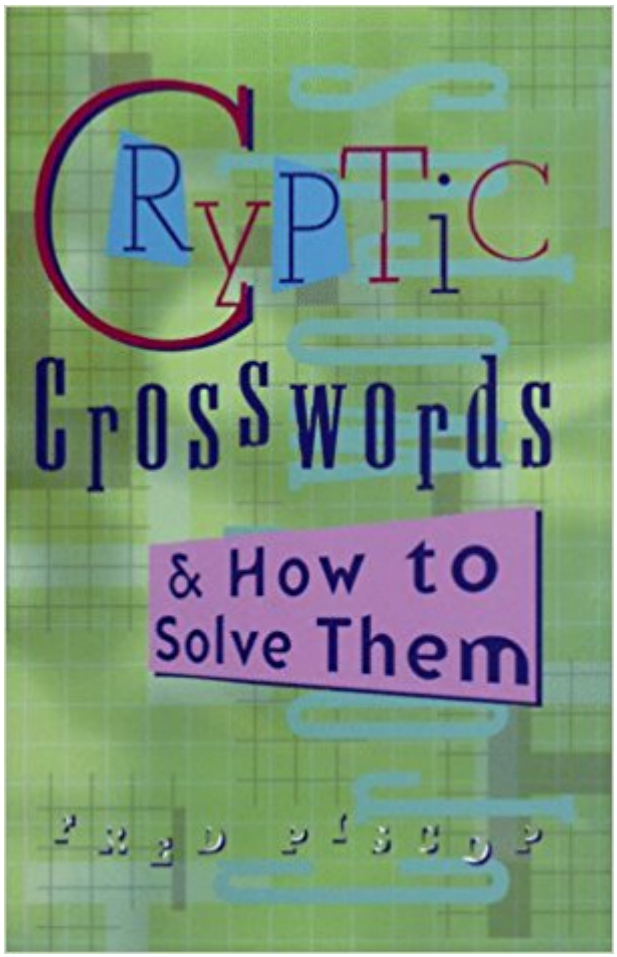
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Synopsis

Welcome to the world of cryptic crosswords, where no clue is as simple as it seems. Here’s where you can uncover the secrets to solving these tricky puzzles and then test out your new-found skills on some of the toughest examples you’ve ever seen! For the first part of the book, in-depth, step-by-step notes and annotations explain how to solve each type of clue. Learn how to recognize "flags" signaling hidden words, anagrams, charades, homophones, reversals, containers, deletions, and double definitions. Then, practice on the samples where the clues may appear to make sense on the surface, but dig deeper and you’ll see that each one has at least two meanings. One definition is obvious--but to figure out the other, you’ll have to engage in some wordplay. Once you’ve fully grasped cryptic logic, try the real thing with 19 increasingly difficult, bigger puzzles. 96 pages, 70 b/w illus., 5 3/8 x 8 1/4.

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Customer Reviews

This is a well-written little book, and a clear introduction to solving cryptic crosswords. It’s unusual in that it is an American book (most cryptic crossword books come from British authors). There is good coverage of all the major clue types, with plenty of examples. After each short chapter there is a mini-crossword featuring just that clue type. There are also progressive cryptics through the book, using the clues learned to that point.There are 19 full crosswords at the back of the book, and all the answers are explained, another valuable learning tool.The main thing lacking from the book are some useful reference lists, such as common abbreviations used in cryptics - but these can easily be found in reference books or online.

This book is a great introduction to cryptic crosswords, and how to identify the types of wordplay that are utilized in the clue. Puzzles are given at the end of each explanation, and cumulative puzzles are incrementally scattered throughout that encompass all the wordplay learned thus far.What you need to know before purchasing this book is that it is a very skinny paperback, and certainly not worth the money that some sellers are asking for it through marketplace!

This is a very good introduction to cryptic crosswords. It explains the different types of cryptic clues and provides dozens of examples to make things clear. In addition, it includes many practice puzzles with fully explained solutions.

The author has done a great job at breaking down the mysteries of cryptic crosswords. I definitely recommend it to anyone who is a beginner at this unique kind of puzzle. He gives just enough examples of each type of clue, then a puzzle that uses just that type of clue, about half of them with hints to make them easier to catch on to. Gradually he builds up to combined puzzles with all types of clues.Great pace and fun for beginner or intermediate solvers.

The author indicates how the typical cryptic clue is comprised. There is a definition portion and a wordplay portion. He then goes on to describe the different kinds of wordplays normally used in clueing. Each chapter describes one kind of wordplay. At the end of each chapter, there is a mini crossword that employs that particular wordplay and there are sometimes more exercises based on the wordplays covered so far. The end of the book contains full-sized and increasingly complex crosswords which are a pleasure to solve after the entire book has been read.The style of writing is very simple and easy to understand also. If you ever wanted to get introduced to cryptic crosswords, there isn’t a better alternative than to pick up a copy of this book and get cracking...

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