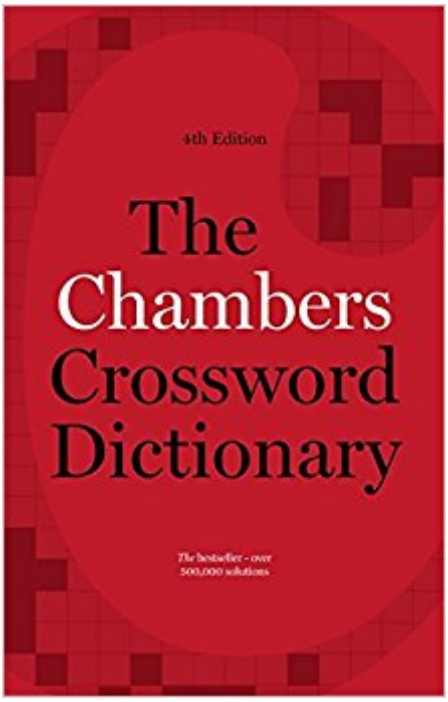
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This is the 4th edition (2015) from British publishing house "Chambers Publishing Ltd" and to my delight and expectations it is compiled in English (not that awful American variant). Words such as "colour" ARE spelt correctly. The hardback binding appears normal, each small group of pages being sewn into the spine and the paper is of good quality, smooth and white. The binding, hence the book, should last through many years of hard work at home (or in an office).Headwords are printed in an 8 point typeface. The lists are in 7 point with an entirely adequate 7Ãƒâ Ã Â point line spacing. The typeface (Times Roman, or similar, for clarity) is very clear ÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â œ even to my failing eyesight.The number of "headwords" appears to be in the region of 24,000 to 29,000 words (based on 958 pages with a possible average of 25 to 30 headwords a page (triple columns). Chambers claims a bit in excess of 500,000 solutions.This volume, in addition to various informative Foreword sections, has two very good introductory guides to cryptic puzzles (I now look forward to some challenges in that realm) and features various lists that are absent in lesser volumes. Headwords such as "sheep" commence with the usual word-length order lists of synonyms, followed by separate word-length lists of the types of, in this case, "sheep". Even the

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