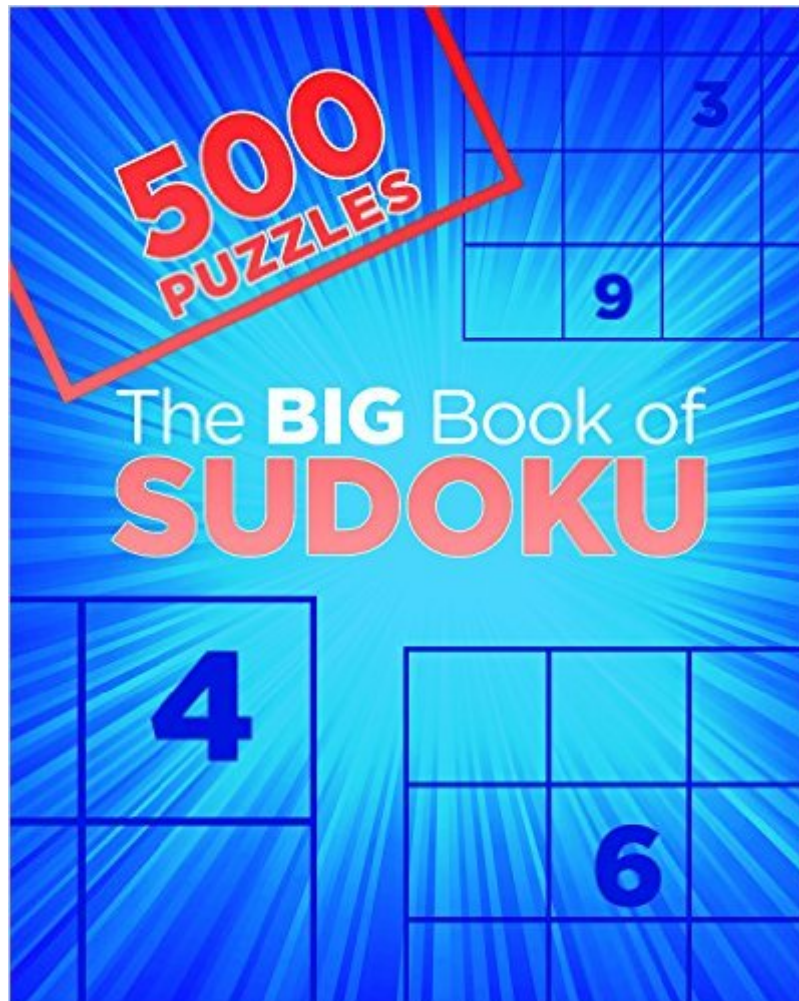


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# The Big Book Of Sudoku (500 Puzzles)



## Synopsis

Are you ready to take on these 500 sudoku puzzles? Completing the grids, which gradually increase in difficulty, will put your logical powers to the ultimate test.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Well, it's a big book of puzzles, similar to the earlier *The Big Book of Sudoku* by the same publisher. There is even less explanatory text, consisting of two small paragraphs in the margin next to the first puzzle. Just as in the earlier book, there is no actual author listed. I suspect the puzzles are generated automatically with very little curation. All of the puzzles are symmetric but all seem to use the same type of symmetry, known as 180 rotation. Pleasant to look at but not much variety. (I believe there are eight or nine types of symmetry that can be used in a Sudoku puzzle.) Unlike the previous book, these are all "regular" Sudoku puzzles, none of the "Samurai Sudoku". The paper used is white, smooth, and holds up well to erasure. It isn't that nasty newsprint used in cheap monthly magazines or some books. However, it is somewhat thin and puzzles printed on the back side show through, being a little less dark than the pencil marks I use to fill in the puzzle. I have often found myself trying to erase what I thought were poor erasures on my part that were just puzzles showing through from the next page. The puzzles are un-graded, but the book indicates that they get gradually harder. I have not yet solved all of the puzzles, but did not notice that puzzle 500 was much harder than the first. If you're searching for really hard puzzles, keep looking. The puzzles are not printed especially large or small, being about 2 3/4" on a side, two to a page. I had no difficulty reading the puzzles (other than the puzzles on the opposite side showing through a bit).

I have a love and hate relationship with Sudoku. I will go for months playing it, getting frustrated when I don't complete a puzzle and keep going back until I do get it right. Then there will be months where I will not even glance at a Sudoku puzzle, much less work on one. When I got my iPhone 6, I got addicted to Sudoku again when I purchased two Sudoku apps and installed them on my phone. I figured that since one of the apps was free it would be easy. It wasn't but I did like the autonomy of Sudoku on the iPhone, where as if I placed a number in one of the cells in a block, it would automatically plop that number in the other cells it belong to in the box without me having to figure it out. I love the app and stopped playing Solitaire and started playing with a vengeance Sudoku on the app. However, the app froze. I couldn't figure out what was wrong. I reset my phone. I installed and uninstalled the app but it would not open up. I went to the app store to download other free Sudoku games but none of them were as good as the app I had. Now that I was truly addicted, I started looking at the Sudoku games in Apps and finally purchased (GASP-I try never to pay for ANY apps) a Sudoku apps based on the ratings and review. I did take some time getting accustomed to the new app but it was good. However, it was a bit too good. By that I mean, I was having trouble solving even the mild to moderate puzzle. That did not bother me much but what did bother me was that my first app, if I inserted a number in a cell and it was wrong, it would immediately let me know it was wrong and deduct points for an incorrect answer. While I hated having points deducted, I appreciated knowing that a number was wrong as soon as I entered it. The second app was the opposite.

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