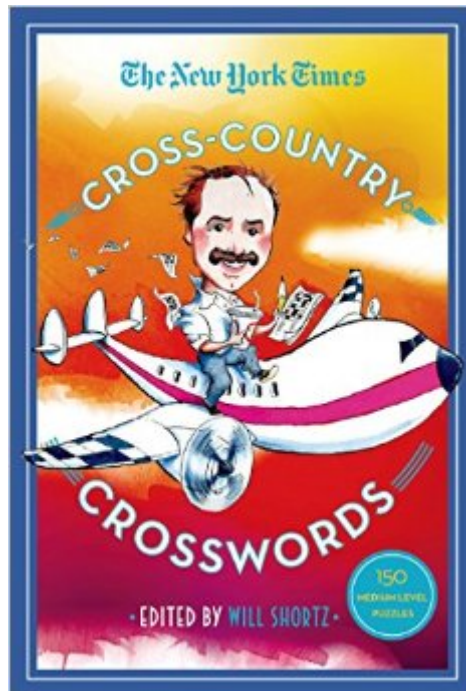


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# The New York Times Cross-Country Crosswords: 150 Medium-Level Puzzles



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This is essentially every Wednesday and Thursday puzzle from July 2013 through November 2014, plus the first week of December 2014. 75 weeks' worth of medium-difficulty (by NY Times standards) puzzles -- right up my street. I'm not giving anything away by saying that a major part of the fun of the mid-week puzzles is that they so often incorporate trickery in the puzzle grids themselves beyond the usual cluing wordplay. The highest-difficulty cluing -- commonly used in Friday and Saturday crosswords -- is mostly absent here but can be found in the companion book, *Red-Eye Crosswords*, which covers the exact same 75 weeks as this volume. I love the weekend puzzles too, but I won't be buying that volume because there are too many puzzles repeated from the *Best of Friday Crosswords* & *Best of Saturday Crosswords* books that I already own.

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I like this book. There are no puzzle titles or original publication dates on the puzzles. That

information would be extremely useful on several of the puzzles where context makes the difference between an answer that's a pun, and one that just doesn't make any sense.

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This puzzle book has the same puzzles in it as the Wonderful Wednesday and the Thrilling Thursday puzzle books. A waste of money to buy a book with duplicate puzzles.

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