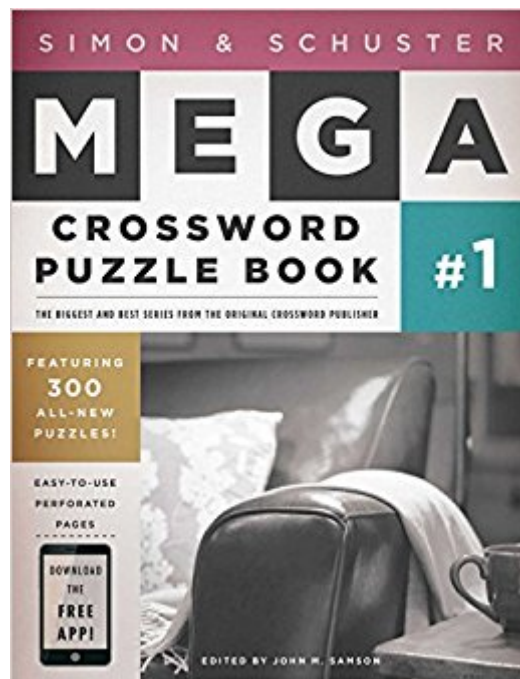




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## Customer Reviews

John M. Samson is an expert crossword puzzle constructor and editor. His crosswords have been published in leading magazines and newspapers across the country, including *The New York Times*. He lives in upstate New York.

I'm working my way through these books, and always look forward to a new one. They are great for the intermediate crossworder or for when I don't want to think too much. Some are easy, some

harder, some just fun. I like that the pages are perforated to tear out so that it is easier to do the puzzles on the left side in the first half, and the puzzles on the right side in the second half. I just wish there were fewer "quote" puzzles.

This is the 10th such book in the series I have purchased. I am a dedicated "Cruciverbalist" (Crossword nut) and this series, Edited by John Samson and published by Simon and Schuster, is my favorite. Challenging and fun!! Not for the beginner and not for the crossword snob who thinks the ONLY challenge comes from the NY Times Sunday puzzle. I'll be ordering #16 as soon as I finish the 300 puzzles in #15. Simon & Schuster Mega Crossword Puzzle Book #15

I own most of the Simon & Schuster Mega Crossword Puzzle books ... and this is the most recent one I ordered. Up to now I have thoroughly enjoyed working them ... but I don't recommend buying this book. The puzzles aren't nearly as good as the later issues. Too many big words I never heard of and/or clues that don't make sense ... and the answers in the back of the book are HORRIBLE! They are so tiny it takes a magnifying glass to make them out. (and my eyesight isn't that bad) Thankfully all the other books in this series have been hugely improved over this first one they issued. Buy the rest ... skip this one.

I am about halfway through this book. Some of the answers are arcane to the point that I have never heard or seen them, and I am an avid reader of all sorts of material. However most crossword books are too easy, so I still give 4 stars. I do not do the NYT or WSJ puzzles, for full disclosure. They are beyond me, frankly.

If you enjoy working hard crossword puzzles, this is the book for you. Very challenging puzzles but enjoyable at the same time!

This is my fourth book in this series. I'm working my way backwards from book #15. You get 300 puzzles with a wide range of styles and difficulty levels. There are 75 15x15 puzzles, 75 17x17, 50 19x19, and 100 21x21. There are both themed and unthemed puzzles, and tons of fun trivia. If I'm feeling tired and a little brain dead then I choose the easier puzzles near the front of the book. But when I'm feeling a little more rested and confident, then I choose more difficult puzzles towards the back. Print is large with plenty of space to fill in letters. Pages are perforated so I can tear out a few puzzles to put in my purse before I head

out the door. This book is both fun and challenging, and I recommend it for any crossword lover.

This was purchased as a Christmas gift for my Father, who is an avid lover of crossword puzzles. He enjoys crosswords that have a higher level of challenge and this was perfect! While searching for a book to get for him, it was important to me that I find one with enough content to keep him busy for a while - as he tends to go through them very quickly, as well as trying to avoid a book with puzzles he might have already done in the past. Crossword Puzzle books that are filled with new and challenging content are becoming harder and harder to find, so I was very happy to find this!! I have since purchased quite a few of the Simon & Schuster crossword puzzle books for him, and they always deliver! He has never been disappointed and often comments on how much he enjoys them! The larger print is great for him, and the variety in the range of difficulty is fantastic! I highly recommend this and other crossword puzzle books from Simon & Schuster!

Well, I like crosswords. I'm a college graduate, and am pretty well read. The only way I can get through these puzzles is to remember that the clues are either stupid, arcane, uncleverly twisted, or some kind of silly in-joke. I can't wait to go buy one that's for regular English speaking people who don't spend the rest of their day watching TV or attending way off-broadway theater.

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