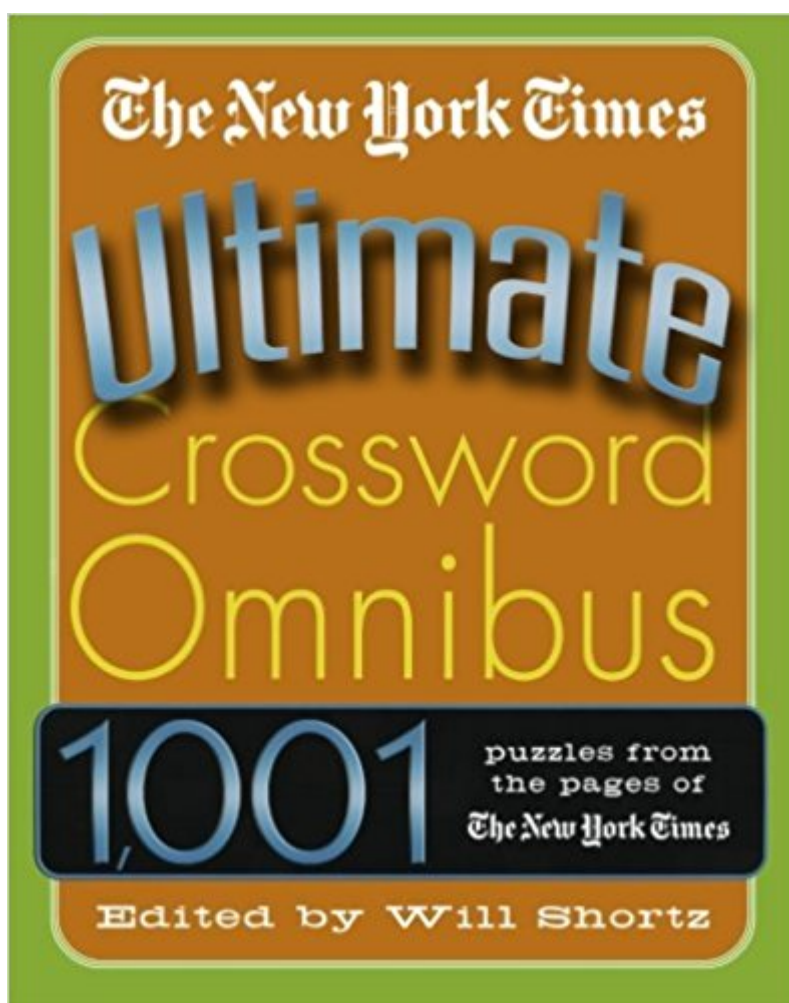


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"Will Shortz, crossword editor of The New York Times, is [the crossword book world's] John Grisham." "The Riddler's got nothing on Will Shortz."

Will Shortz has been the crossword puzzle editor of The New York Times since 1993. He is also the puzzlemaster on NPR's Weekend Edition Sunday and is founder and director of the annual American Crossword Puzzle Tournament. He has edited countless books of crossword puzzles, Sudoku, KenKen, and all manner of brain-busters.

I bought this for my sister as a gift and she was very pleased. She said she never had a book with so many good puzzles in one book!

I should of known, but was still a little disappointed with the lack of themed puzzles. Also there are a great many that aren't challenging. Still, since there are so many, I can scan the clues and figure out the good ones, and have had some satisfying afternoons. The book is heavy. I tear out the puzzles I choose because it's not comfortable to sit with it. Perforated pages would be nice. Can't have it all I guess.

If you have tried and liked the crossword puzzles in the New York Times, but do not subscribe to the newspaper, this book is for you. It is certainly more cost effective than subscribing just for the puzzles. There is also a crossword only online subscription option, incidentally, but this book probably packs more bang for the buck. If you have not previously solved New York Times puzzles, it's worth trying a few before you buy the book. A few things to be aware of: The daily puzzles in the paper increase in difficulty from Monday to Friday. As far as I can tell, the ones in the book are not arranged in any particular order. Also this is a compilation of puzzles that appeared over the past decade. In so far as a few questions deal with ongoing events, they are now harder than back when the events were in the news. Non-New Yorkers may be stumped by allusions to local personalities. On the whole the book should provide many hours of entertainment.

The book itself is huge, but as other have posted I do tear out the pages and work on puzzles individually. This is a huge selection of crosswords for an affordable price. I do wish I knew which puzzles corresponded to which days of the week though. Overall a great book for the value!

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I was buying the NY Times everyday just so I could do the puzzle at lunchtime at the office. In the area I lived, it was \$1 a day! Do the math. This collection saved me a bundle. As a habitual crossword puzzler, I switched from habitually buying the paper each morning to habitually zeroxing the next puzzle in this book. I found it much easier to copy the puzzles than to hold this rather bulky tome. And copying allowed me to enlarge them to a full letter size page if I so desired (though it was not necessary -- the puzzles are their normal dimensions and fit two-to-a-page in this collection). Working off a copy also discouraged me from turning the page and starting a different puzzle when I got stuck on the really tough Friday and Saturday puzzles. If you're a habitual puzzler, this book is a god send. Bottom line(s): The price is obviously fantastic. The collection is obviously

HUGE! The puzzles are just like the daily paper -- from Monday-easy to Saturday-nearly-impossible. I never ran into a puzzle I remembered doing in the paper. No cons, but some advice... It's not the kind of book you'll want to carry around since it is, of course, large. And if you're not a habitual puzzler, it might end up on a shelf unused since it is a daunting number of puzzles. Also, in case you're a novice puzzler, the NY Times puzzles can get pretty hard. If you're used to clues like, "Wheel OF Fortune's Sajak" for p-a-t, you're in for a challenge. Instead, you'll be getting "foie gras" for p-a-t-e. (Frequent foreign language clues, people you've never heard of, obscure island names, etc.) The good news is that your vocabulary will expand and you'll learn a lot more than you would from the TV guide puzzle. I know I've learned a lot from the NY Times puzzles. Thank you, Will Shortz. And, in case you haven't figured it out, the "Search inside this book" link above will get you the first 12 puzzles! If you like them, there are 989 more to go!

I was hoping for the standard Will Shortz puzzles. A lot of these are other styles - different format, different style of clues, etc. I keep trying and going back but it's just not Will Shortz.

Ultimate puzzle book great book full of different puzzles for puzzle goers. I would recommend this to anyone who likes puzzles

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