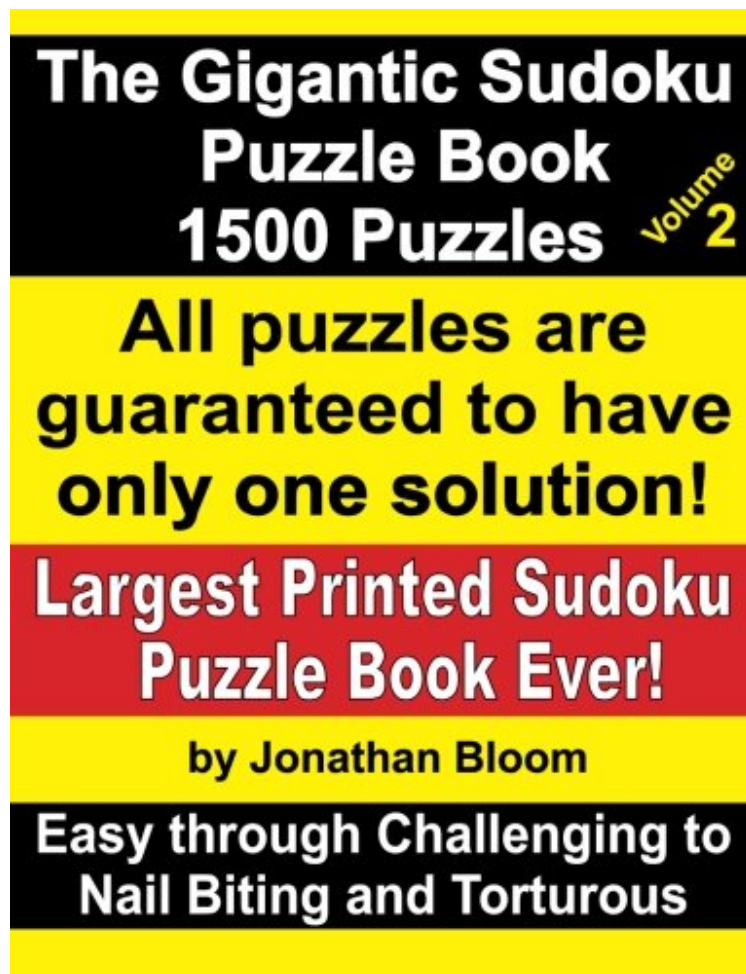


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Volume 2: 1500 Puzzles. Easy Through Challenging to Nail Biting and Torturous. Largest Printed Sudoku Puzzle Book Ever. in September 2014 but I'm just getting to it after finishing volume 1 [[ASIN:0981426174 The Gigantic Sudoku Puzzle Book. 1500 Puzzles. Easy through Challenging to Nail Biting and Torturous. Largest Printed Sudoku Puzzle Book ever. There are things that are different from the majority of puzzle books. I don't really consider them pros and cons; just different. Because of that I think the easiest way is to outline them. First, the book itself: 1. The book is larger than any other puzzle book I've worked on. I have arthritis in my hands and wrists and at 326 pages it can be pretty difficult to manage it while doing the puzzles. 2. The pages are pretty thin and don't stand up to repeated erasures, despite trying all different kinds of erasers. I wish they were made of a more durable product. The thin pages shred because of the erasing and the friction on them while trying to balance the book. I'm left-handed so I have the most problem with the inner puzzles (near the binding) on the left page. 3. The pages are just glued together. Because of this they pretty quickly come unglued as I fold the pages back that I've already completed and work on the puzzles. I finally figured out how to minimize the shredding from problems #2-3 by first completing the puzzles on the outer part of the page, then I tear the page out, fold it in half length-wise, then fold horizontally to keep the puzzle I'm working on closest to me so my hand isn't rubbing on the paper. I wish the pages were spiral bound instead of glued. 4. These books are far more economical than a lot of others that have 100 puzzles for around \$10. Now the puzzles themselves: 1. The puzzles are all a 9x9 grid with 6 levels of difficulty: easy, average, challenging, tough, nail biting and torturous. It's a matter of personal preference but I like the 9x9 format best. 2. Except for the first couple of levels there are also varying degrees of difficulty within each level. I especially like finding an easier puzzle as a break after working on a few really hard ones. It's also kind of encouraging to make me think I'm not as dumb as it seems when the few before that were really difficult and took me forever to solve (and the pages end up being totally shredded). 3. I wish there were more blank puzzles at the end of each level. I can only reuse the blank puzzles at the end of each level a couple of times because of #2. 4. The puzzles themselves are small. IMO 4 on a page (rather than 6) would make things a lot easier for older eyes. 5. As noted in R. Flanders' review there are pages of solutions for the easiest puzzles missing. I assume this was done to reduce the size of the book a little, and volume 1 was the same way. But this is only for the easiest ones and one can email sudokids.com and they'll send the solutions to you. 6. I hate Sudoku puzzles that have more than one solution; it drives me crazy! Bloom's puzzles are guaranteed to have only one solution. So, all in all the benefits far outweigh the issues. I gave this a 4-star rating rather than a 5 because of the flimsiness of the book itself and doesn't reflect the puzzles. The puzzles are fun and the majority are challenging to different degrees. Another thing I hate is buying a book that advertises different levels and the majority are easy. Bloom's puzzles are mostly challenging not only with the different levels but also within the levels themselves. I hope there will be a volume 3! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. This was a gift for a nephew. No feedback ... By Customer This was a gift for a nephew. No feedback from him. So I really have no way of knowing how many stars to give it. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I just love this book puzzles are a great size the ... By Bernadette Mastromarco I just love this book puzzles are a great size the multilevels are great the only problem is from using so much the pages are falling out.

Never before has such a huge collection of Sudoku puzzles been published in a single book (except for Volume 1 :-). The Gigantic Sudoku Puzzle Book Volume 2 has 1500 brand new Sudoku Puzzles spread across 6 levels of difficulty. All the puzzles have between 17-28 clues on a standard 9X9 grid. Lookout for select puzzles with secret codes. You can use these secret codes to get free puzzles and other specials from our website. The levels are: easy, average, challenging, tough, nail biting and torturous. Each level has about 250 puzzles that increase in difficulty as you turn each page. At the end of each level, I have included 2 empty grids for scribbling and calculating. The easy puzzles will take a couple of minutes to complete. They are so easy that we haven't even included the solutions in the book (you can email solutions at sudokids.com and we'll send them to you). The average and challenging puzzles need a bit more brainpower, while the tough and nail biting will have you scratching your head and biting your pencil. As for the torturous ones - don't say I didn't warn you. You may need every trick in the book and possibly some divine inspiration to solve the toughest of these puzzles. The buysudokubooks.com guarantee. Often you find sudoku books with puzzles that have more than one solution. This can waste a lot of time and drain a fair amount of one's sanity when it comes to solving a puzzle. But have no fear, to ensure minimum frustration, every puzzle in this book has been carefully checked and is guaranteed to have only one solution.

About the Author As an untreated puzzles 'addict', I spend many hours thriving in the challenge of solving complicated sudoku puzzles. Sudokus' distinct advantage over other mathematical games/puzzles is its reliance on using logical reasoning and deduction to solve numeracy puzzles, without requiring mathematical calculations. I love spending time with my kids, having fun and learning together. So I combined this with my puzzle addiction to create Sudokids - Sudoku puzzles for children. Since then I have compiled over 15 other Sudoku books (with a new one every month or so) for people of all ages and sudoku solving experience. I was born in South Africa in 1973. I studied a variety of courses at university including science, business and jewelry design. My first job was in the jewelry industry. Soon

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