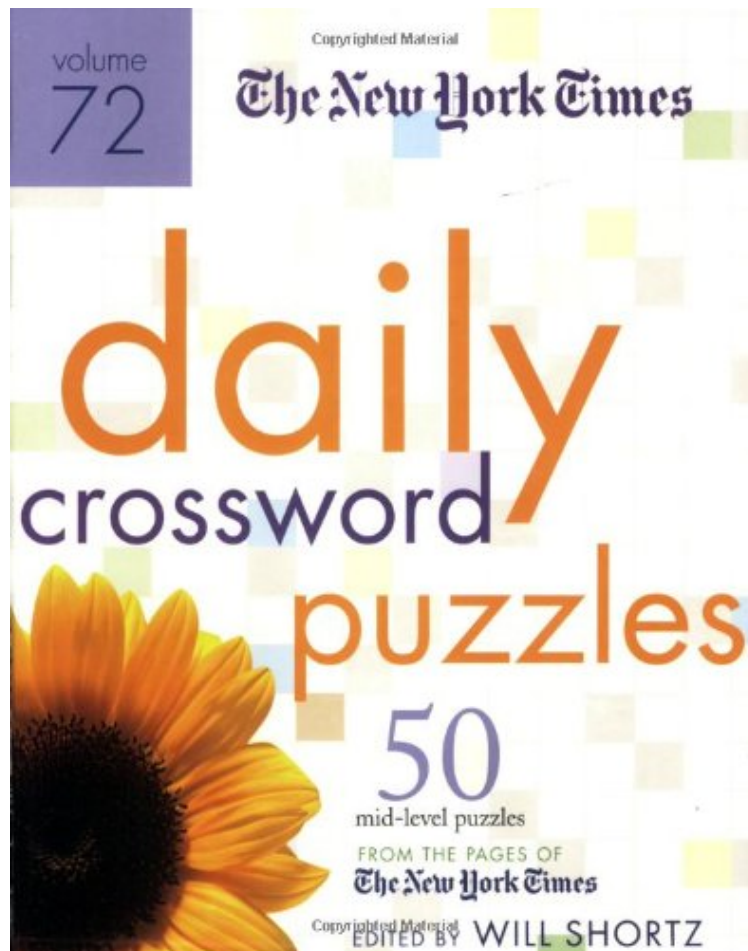


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6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. mostly close to mid-level, leaning slightly to 'easy'...By Kelly Howard I think they gauged difficulty level pretty well on this one. I usually avoid crossword collections because, frankly, they're too easy. I'm trying to gauge my xword level... I haven't bothered with the non-NYT daily puzzle in any of my local papers for years because I find them too easy. I generally don't bother with the Monday or Tue Times puzzle for the same reason (If I do them, I do 'em in pen, go for speed). For the rest of the week's Times puzzles: I

generally whiz thru Wednesday's, find Thur's Friday's variously challenging fun. Saturday's puzzles sometimes leave me growling with frustration I always have to turn to Google to finish. Sundays are enjoyable, but take a while also require Google. the puzzles in this one seem mostly about mid-level for the NYT, i.e. variously about Tues-Wed, with some Thurs thrown in. The xwords that sometimes annoy the heck out of me are the ones that have some a gimmick, such as those where you have to put an entire word into one box, or doubled letters or words, pictures, or some such. For instance, to complete a pair of Across Down clues, the intersecting box needs to be filled with, say, "fish" --the complete answers being "crawfish" "fishwife" so each answer goes into 5 boxes. So you're clawing desperately through your brain trying to find a 5 word answer to the clue when really the answers are longer than 5. Or where the 10-letter "Sheriff of Mayberry" (which you know is wrong) turns out to be "ygriffith." As for this collection, I'm going to say how common the previously-mentioned 'gimmicks' are, but not until the last paragraph so those of you who don't want even that level of hintiness should stop after the next sentence. I would like to get my hands on a collection of difficult puzzles, even if it did mean I'd get some gimmicky ones, I suppose. Anybody got any recommendations? So this is sort of a \*Spoiler alert.\* I'll be a bit verbose just in case someone might be rendered furious by seeing the answer at a glance, so it's buried in verbiage. The number of gimmicks in this book is very, very few. I'm not guaranteeing it, but I think they made an appearance only a single time. It's possible my memory is off, hence the lack of guarantee, and I'm too lazy to get up, get the book, page thru the answers to double-check. Happy solving. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Really enjoyed the mix of mental exercise and challenge. By wrc One of my favorite,s I am searching now for a similar. Mid-level is fairly accurate with a few harder and a few easier. There was one that I just didn't like the, it seemed more like the creator had a very weird mind. They are mixed up well so if you do get a little frustrated with one the next will make you feel better about your skills. a few lean towards the Sunday style but have enough "normal" clues to help with the solution of the harder ones. I do my solving in 5-10 minute spurts as I get a chance to pick up the book so it is nice to make decent progress each time. 10 of 10 people found the following review helpful. It Is Mid-Level By Kimberly L. Ellis This is mid-level. I have done puzzles from the Sunday NYT vol. from the easy NYT vol. These are not too hard and not too easy. Been doing puzzles for about a year. NYT book is nice looking, easy to use with its spiral binding. It is letter size, making the puzzles easier to read.

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