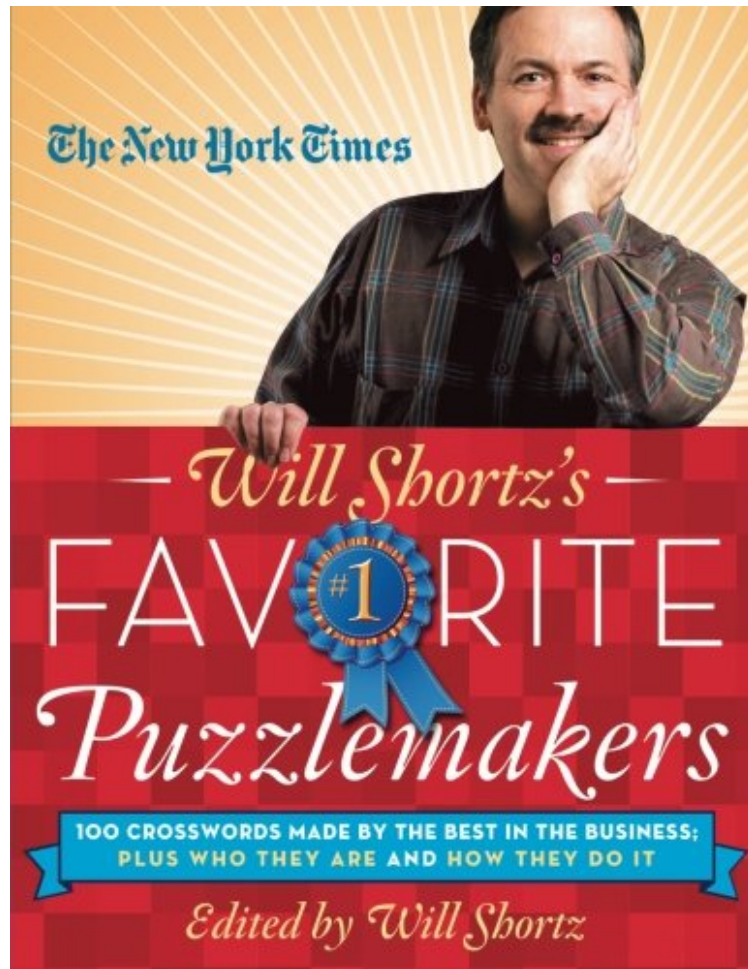


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Will Shortz's Favorite Crossword Puzzles is a must-have for any serious puzzler, and jolly good fun for anyone else. CNN.com About the Author Will Shortz has been the crossword puzzle editor of The New York Times since 1993. He is also the puzzlemaster 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.