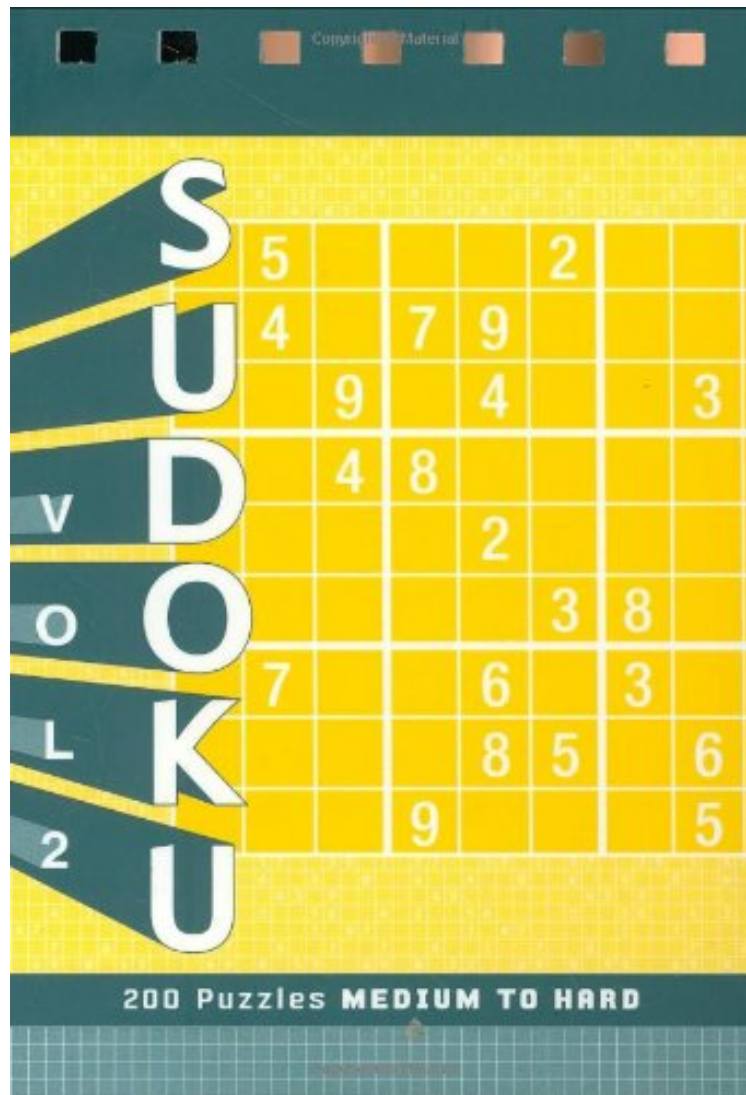


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**Xaq Pitkow : Sudoku 2: Medium to Hard** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Sudoku 2: Medium to Hard:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. FANTASTIC! By Two Bears This is the PERFECT format of Sudoku books. Small, easily slipped into a pocket. The paper is durable, pencil marks are erased easily, spiral bound so the cover wraps around behind the page you are working on and the boom takes no more room than when it is closed. Best off if you are a Sudoku Grand Master like me you can get books that are mentally stimulating without a lot of easy or medium puzzles that I can solve in 5-6 minutes. Am I happy with some of the funky colors of the puzzles and numbers?

HECK NO! In dim light they can be a real PITA. I have seen several reviewers complaining about lack of space for pencil marks. I have all the room I need and to spare. No I do not write the pencil marks ultra small so I need a magnifying glass. The thing is most people were taught the wrong way to do Sudoku. Every book that teaches how to do Sudoku usually in the first 6 or so strategies teaches people to use the full possibility matrix. Let me tell you the full possibility matrix is NOT your friend. It is a complete enemy because you have the puzzle loaded down with garbage information till you can't see the clues. There is a reason why there are more than 50 Sudoku strategies such as X wing, XY wing, Jelly fish and so on. Those had to be invented to help weed the garbage generated by the full possibility matrix. I kid you not I can literally solve a hard puzzle faster than a person can solve the easy puzzle by using the full possibility matrix. So since I have been shooting holes in the full possibility matrix you are probably curious how I solve level 3, 4, and 5 puzzles without using the full possibility matrix or the 50 other sudoku strategies. I use three and ONLY three strategies. 1 cross hatching. This is the first Sudoku strategy every Sudoku player learns. 2. Streamlined possibility matrix. If a number can go in two cells write in pencil marks. If a number can go in all three cells that make a row or column in a box write in the pencil marks. This is the only time I write down more than two possibilities. This one thing will have pairs and triples popping out to get your attention. You just weren't able to see them before because you had pairs and triples buried by the other 3-5 other numbers that could go in those same cells. When you find a pair or triple make a line under the pair or triple and this limits the number of cells those other numbers can go into. 3. I call this strategy "Fill it in". If you see a row box or column that is almost filled in except for two or three cells; see what's missing and write these two or three numbers in the cells and draw a circle around them. Again this limits the garbage information on your puzzle. There are some excellent instructional Sudoku vids on YouTube. E-mail me and I will send you links to the vids and will turn you into a Sudoku master of grand Master in less than a month. I also limit the amount of pencil marks I put on a puzzle. If the two cells are touching, I put the possibility on the line showing that number can go in either location. If a possibility can go in three cells of a row or column inside one of the 9 boxes I put the possibility in the center box. For a row I put little dots on both sides of the possibility. For a column place dots above and below the possibility. As I get more information draw a line through a dot or the number showing the possibility has been reduced. By switching from full possibility matrix to the streamlined possibility matrix, and reducing the number of pencil marks is how I can solve a medium puzzle in 5-6 minutes. Less time writing and less time erasing all those pencil marks. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. It's probably my fault for not checking more closely, ...By lalluvia It's probably my fault for not checking more closely, but this "book" is REALLY small. It's about the size of a 3x5 card! The picture of it makes it look a lot bigger (I was thinking about the same size as a standard paper back book or larger) with room to write in the margins. I wish I had been more careful to look at the dimensions otherwise I wouldn't have bought it. This Sudoku is the worst number bias I've ever seen in my life. The number 4 is favored in EVERY puzzle! I've never seen anything like it! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. great series By Amber M. Love this series. The book is small enough to take with me. I will have to say for the harder puzzles it would be helpful if the grid was a tad bigger for writing in number possibilities. But overall I love it. I keep it right by my computer monitor for filling out during breaks in my work day. the format of the binding makes it super easy to flip through puzzles and answers. I love most that it lays flat without issue. This is the second book in the series that I have purchased. The grand master ones are hard! but not impossible. The medium ones I can complete in 20 mins to a day. The grand master ones are taking me a couple days which I think is pretty normal for this type of puzzle.

The Sudoku craze continues, and this unique fold-over notepad is filled with 200 new puzzles for even more hours of highly puzzling fun!