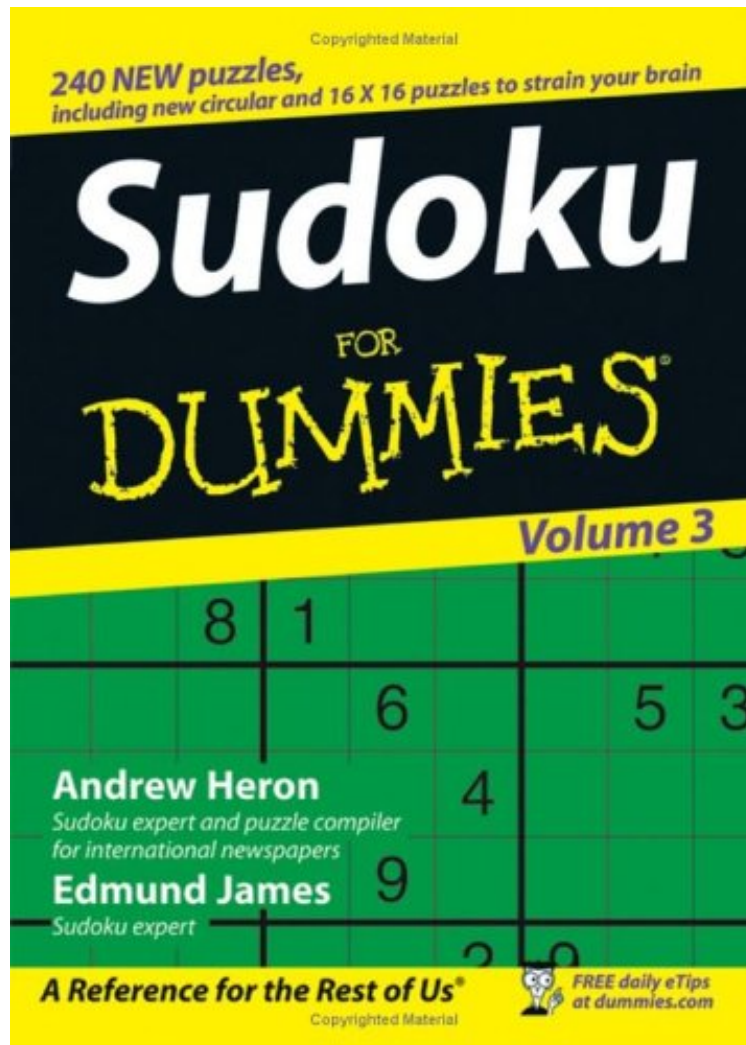


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with high expectations. MASSIVE DISAPPOINTMENT. It's mostly puzzles!--240 of them of varying difficulty--with only 28 pp of the most basic beginner guidelines. Of the 28 pp (taken up mostly by illustrative puzzles, only 21-26 go beyond the basics, but even then I had an issue with the clarity of the instructions and with the scarcity of different examples that would clarify a strategy. For ex., on p 24 about "hidden matched pairs" they refer to an element without defining that term. "If the 9 is somewhere else in the options of that element (it would have to be, otherwise it's the 9 for that element)..." what does "element" refer to? the #9? a square? Not clear and it's key to understanding the strategy. Two sentences farther along: "In Figure 2.5 our matched pair eliminated just one 8, [which one?] but sometimes such a matched pair can get rid of large numbers of extraneous options." So...please show us. On p 25 the authors give an illustrated example of "the rule of three numbers" and point out that "While this example eliminated only a single option, you can usually cull more with this method." So...please show us more options. Then the authors reveal that these strategies help solve "all but the most difficult and extreme sudoku." They direct one to "one of the many Web sites and sudoku forums that have been set up just for sudoku solvers." But that's precisely why I bought this book! If you're looking for strategies beyond the most elementary, don't bother with this book. It's a puzzle book, not a how-to book in the Dummies tradition.

Sudoku For Dummies Volume 3 will offer 240 original and addictive puzzles including new circular and 16 x 16 puzzles to add new dimensions to game play and keep the most avid Sudoku fan entertained. Of the 240 puzzles, 220 are the popular 9x9 puzzles, 10 are 16 x 16, and 10 are circular puzzles. Within each of these categories there are Easy, Tricky, Tough and Diabolical puzzle ratings; and each puzzle is clearly identified with the rating. More than just a listing of puzzles, Sudoku For Dummies, Volume 3 features a chapter explaining how to solve puzzles and the strategies involved. Additionally, readers receive all puzzle solutions in the back of the book. Finally, Sudoku For Dummies, Volume 3 includes a brief history of Sudoku (or Su Doku) for those interested. Descriptions of the puzzles are listed below. Circular Sudoku (10 included: 3 Easy, 3 Tricky, 2 Tough, and 2 Diabolical) The rules are similar to the normal 9x9 Sudoku but with some important differences. The puzzle is circular for a start, with 8 concentric rings. Each ring must contain the numbers 1-8 and each segment running into the centre of the circle and through to the opposite side of the circle must contain the numbers 1 - 8 and of course there can be no duplicate numbers! 16 x 16 Sudoku (10 included: 3 Easy, 3 Tricky, 2 Tough, and 2 Diabolical) The grid is larger at 16 x 16 and solvers must fit the letters A-F into the grid alongside the numbers 0-9. 16 x 16 Sudoku are more difficult, take more time and are more infuriating than the normal puzzles - but just as addictive!

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