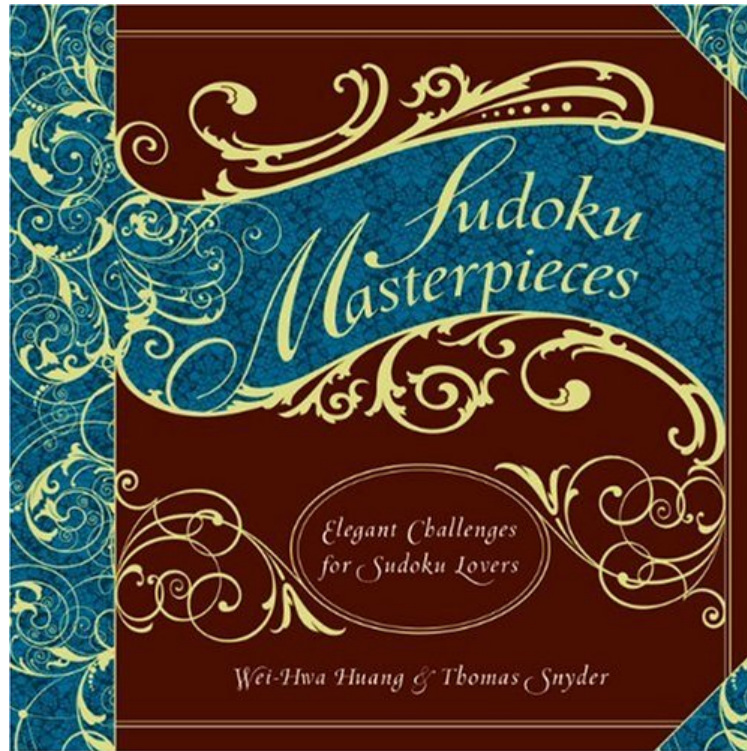


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Two sudoku champions have conspired to create the most amazing-looking, captivating sudoku variations the world has ever seen! Each puzzle is a work of art, with unique rules and eye-popping graphics, all inspired by but going far beyond traditional sudoku. This is the pinnacle of sudoku-meets-art that every fan will be clamoring for!

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