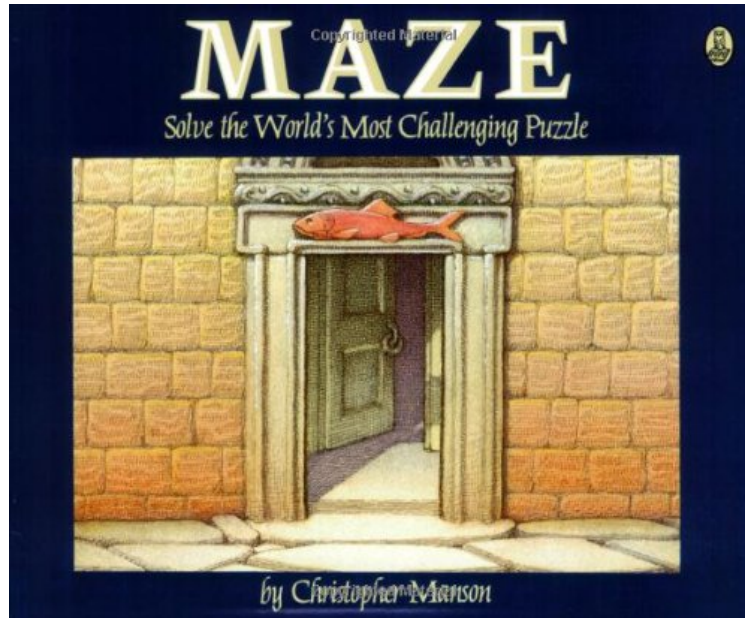


Maze: Solve the World's Most Challenging Puzzle

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Christopher Manson : Maze: Solve the World's Most Challenging Puzzle before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Maze: Solve the World's Most Challenging Puzzle:

29 of 30 people found the following review helpful. Truly The Most Difficult Puzzle Ever Made... A Masterpiece! By Mr Oak THE BOOK IS AS OF YET UNSOLVED: Despite the efforts of thousands of people since its publication, this book has yet to be fully solved. At least four chat groups have appeared and disappeared over the years devoted to cracking the puzzles in this book. If you search online you will find the solution to the 16 room path and the hidden message in the center room but that leaves 29 rooms unsolved and many rooms on the 16 room path have puzzles that have yet to be solved. The \$10,000 prize originally attached to this book in 1985 went unclaimed for many months. Eventually they distributed the amount to the individuals who were the closest to a solution. Solving a room, or part of a room, can take weeks, but the feeling of satisfaction is huge... "I solved a room of one of the world's most difficult puzzles!" THERE IS A SUPPORT GROUP: [IntoTheAbyss.net] The solution to the main puzzle and attempts at solutions for the other rooms can be found at the forum IntoTheAbyss.net launched this year (2013). The multitude of posts shows just how popular and difficult the book is. IT IS THE WORLD'S GREATEST SOLVABLE PUZZLE: I am a fan of puzzles and am very familiar with the scope of available puzzles, in my opinion this is by far the greatest puzzle ever created. It is a masterpiece. The sheer brilliance of its construction is staggering once you delve into it. A few years ago a mathematician attempted to show the relationship between the rooms visually, the result looks like a diagram of the internet. One of the unsolved puzzles is the identity of the unseen "guide." People have theorized that the guide is the Minotaur, King Minos, Icarus, Hades, Christopher Manson (the author), God, Satan, a demon, even an umbrella. Somewhere in the book is the answer. An example of a solution: In room 32 is a banner which says "Sea bag O.K." If you take "Sea" instead as "C" then it becomes an anagram for "Go Back." This solution is confirmed by the fact that unless the reader returns the way they came they will wind up in one of the inescapable trap rooms or

stuck in a loop that goes back to the entrance. However the room also contains a bird and a missing statue, how do these relate to the message? I figured it out, the answer is not online and I'm not telling. An example of a yet to be solved room: In this room are four pictures. 1. A scale tipped to the left. 2. A tail. 3. The phrase "WOMANS JEWELRY" written from bottom to top in 3 letter increments. 4. A sign that says, "H+OO." In the center of the room is a trident. As of yet I have not heard from anyone who has a good idea of what this room is trying to say, and I have no clue. No doubt the solution is a phrase of some kind. And since the room is a trap, the phrase probably conveys in some way that the reader is doomed. **INCREDIBLE MOODY, ATMOSPHERIC ARTWORK:** The ink cross hashed images are exceedingly detailed. Manson's ability to convey shadow and light using this method is amazing. The style (and mood) is reminiscent of Edward Gorey, the artist most commonly known for illustrating the introduction to *Masterpiece Mystery*. There is nothing scary in the book, but much of it is oddly disturbing. A quote from room 31, "... a melancholy little courtyard surrounded by a brick wall too high to see over. A dead tree lifts its bone white branches to a sky filling with gray clouds." The picture fits the description, it's just a tree in a courtyard. But as I study the page for clues I notice that the branches look like bones, the faces on the doors look strange, and suddenly I feel a chill. This kind of experience is almost universal for people who really get into the book. **FOR SEEKERS, NOT CHILDREN:** This book is not for young children, it may give them the willies and they will get nowhere. This book is for fans of eerie, practically unsolvable puzzles who are MENSAs candidates or artistic free thinkers. It is for people who like the *Twilight Zone*, *LOST*, and *House of Leaves*. It is for people who stray from normal life, past where the sidewalk ends, and wander down the rabbit hole. It is one of the most curious and unique books ever made. Christopher Manson once said that with every book he made he was seeking to create a perfect book... he may have succeeded. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. **Challenging for Adults!** By Siobhan It's a great puzzle book! I bought it for my husband! He loves puzzles and is creating some crazy matrix to solve it in a separate journal. Noticed other reviews commented it's too hard for kids - definitely true! But, as a literacy teacher, I can say the writing and illustrations are superb and kids will have fun getting lost. You can find the general solution online (room order for solution) and print it to them so they can solve it that way. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. **Abandon all hope!** By vdeos Perhaps the most addictive book I've ever encountered. Enter the maze and you won't want to "cheat". The fun is in the exploration of each room, the conundrum of the clues, the sinister and sometimes downright psychotic musings of the guide. It's brilliant and a lot of fun. Let the reader beware!

This is not really a book. This is a building in the shape of a book...a maze. Each numbered page depicts a room in the maze. Tempted? Test your wits against mine. I guarantee that my maze will challenge you to think in ways you've never thought before. But beware. One wrong turn and you may never escape!

.com This is not one of those pencil mazes you worked on as a kid. The entire book is one addictive maze. Each page spread is a room leading to other page/rooms. Your goal is to find the shortest route to the center and back while solving the puzzle in the center room--if you can figure out what the puzzle is. But then, each room is a puzzle filled with clues to decipher. Read the text and examine the gorgeous illustrations carefully. Beware--not every clue can be trusted. If you're an online gamer, consider this a Web site you can carry wherever you go. **About the Author** Christopher Manson is an author and illustrator. His books include *Maze*, *A Farmyard Song* and *A Tree in the Woods*.