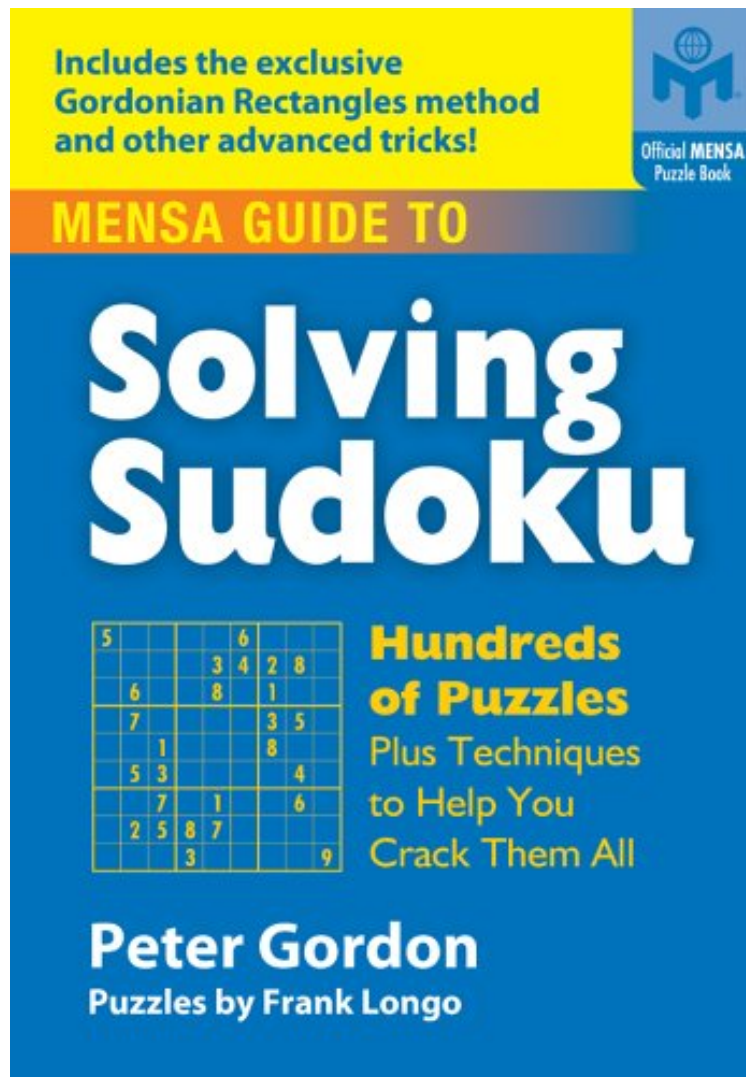


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Written by puzzle greatsBy S. ElliottThis was just what I needed to take me to the next steps in solving Sudoku puzzles since it gives more information, more examples, more drawings

than other books. That being said, perhaps I interpreted the title incorrectly as being a Mensa guide helping the rest of us dummies understand the underpinnings of Sudoku. I was able to follow along for quite a bit of the book, but there were still questions in my mind, like why did you choose a particular set of numbers as being important over other examples of the same numbers in a block of cells which should be excluded? The book is nice and large, and there is some margin room for making notes, drawing arrows, etc. But the practice puzzles in the back were too small. I ended up photocopying the puzzles to a much larger size to accommodate the numbers that needed to be written in as possibilities in each cell. I also picked up an interesting factoid regarding Sudoku. There are supposed to be 30 numbers given in each puzzle, and the layout of the numbers given are supposed to be in a mirrored layout. However, so far I haven't found a book that actually follows those "rules" as far as the number of clues (30) given. I like buying puzzle books written by the great Frank Longo, but even many of his tougher puzzles give as few as 24 clues, not 30.6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Not completely satisfied! By Laura The title was what I was looking for - puzzles techniques. Unfortunately, the instructional part of the book is not easily understood. More step-by-step examples might help. And, I have solved many of the puzzles I have done without need of any techniques. I will keep using the book as a reference and maybe there will be a puzzle or two that actually uses the techniques so that I can use them and get them down pat. I go online to Andrew Stuart's Sudoku Solver and I wanted more. His site is helpful, but the same problem, some of the techniques he describes are difficult to put into practice. In reading around, the problem could be that different creators of puzzles use different rules. I have ordered Nikoli Publishing's Original Sudoku books in my continuing struggle to understand how to solve the tough puzzles. They swear that their puzzles need no techniques and are done with an art. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. I actually had gotten somewhat bored with the Sudoku games in news papers. By Thomas H. Chapman I actually had gotten somewhat bored with the Sudoku games in news papers, magazines etc. My son gave me a copy of "Black Belt Sudoku". Could not begin to get past the first two to three moves, As you know, I purchased from you the book "Solving Sudoku". I started reading the text and working the puzzles following the lessons when it became evident that Mr. Gordon had simplified the impossible to make "Black Belt " solving fun again. The book takes one from the beginning through the graduate stage of Sudoku.

Here it comes: a revolution in sudoku solving! This is by far the most complete guide to cracking these addictive puzzles ever produced, with tricks even the experts won't know. While most books might have a few pages of introduction before proceeding straight to the sudokus, this one covers it all: hidden pairs, naked pairs, X-wings, jellyfish, squirmbag, bivalued and bilocation graphs, turbot fish, grid coloring, and chains. Every single one is here, and much more too, including the exclusive Gordonian logic methods (Gordonian rectangles and Gordonian polygons) that will turn even the hardest puzzles into a breeze. Of course, there are hundreds of sudokus for practice. A very special addition is a reprint of the very first sudoku ever published in 1979, from Dell Pencil Puzzles and Word Games magazine!