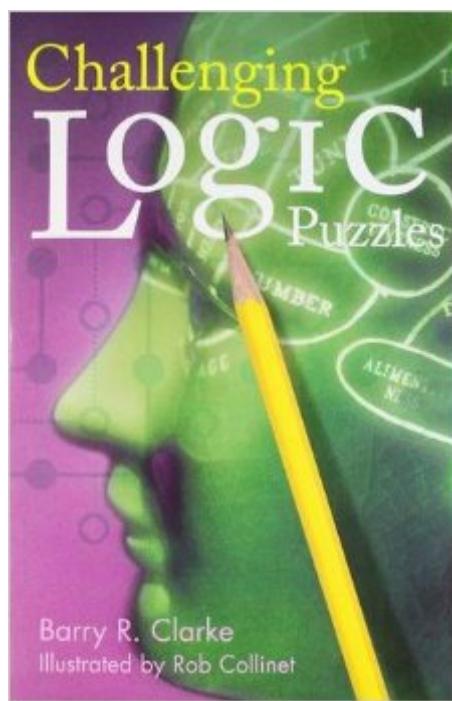


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Challenging Logic Puzzles



Synopsis

So, you think you've got the brain-power to tackle tough logic puzzles? Well, try this extraordinary assortment of challenges, including Mix-and-Match logic puzzles and "Find the Liar" type puzzles. Some puzzles have tables that can be used to deduce relationships between people or items, some use word-play to present the problem, and still others use illustrations to highlight the challenge. Whatever their form, each is designed to stretch your mind to the max. And the level of difficulty increases as you move through the book, concluding with a series so diabolical, even the most expert puzzle sleuths may have to beg for mercy! Fortunately, solutions for every puzzle are included, along with explanations of how the answers are determined, so you'll even be able to build your puzzle-solving skills.

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Customer Reviews

These puzzles are for logicians. For anyone who isn't prepared to parse out precisely what each clue does or doesn't tell the reader about the puzzle, they will be quite difficult. If the NYT crossword puzzles are an 8, these are an 11. They are to the usual run of puzzles as Scientific American or Science is to Popular Science Magazine. So if the reader is looking for mental exercises that tax but do not baffle, look elsewhere. I guess that makes the book "good", in that the contents is genuinely difficult, and well-presented-e.g., the answers to successive puzzles are not on successive pages in the back, but spread around so that the answer to one puzzle is not adjacent to the answer to the next. But for someone simply trying to stave off dementia or recover from a stroke, these can be

discouraging.

The sample puzzles that the "look inside" feature shows are easier than the puzzles it doesn't show. I was impressed with this and recommend it for anyone who truly is searching for challenging puzzles. These are NOT for beginners or those who quickly become frustrated. The obvious solution is usually wrong, at least in this book.

Enjoy logic puzzles written with a comic edge. They increase in difficulty as the book goes along, but none are impossible. Recommended for anyone who enjoys doing logic puzzles.

I found this on Mensa's best books list and so ordered it through this site. It only took a few days and since it arrived I have very much enjoyed working my way through the puzzles. They're solvable but some of them still need a bit of thought. And looking at the ones at the end (which I've yet to reach), some of those jobs around the house are gonna have to wait a while!

Each puzzle begins with a short narrative. It sets the scene, and engages the imagination. Then the problem is described, often accompanied by a table, list, diagram, or illustration. Your first challenge is always to find the basic logic problem underlying the illustrative detail. You have to see the problem as an abstraction. Then you need to figure out the best way of solving it. So, that's how the puzzles work. The selection of puzzles is good, and the difficulty increases with each puzzle. So, who would be interested in this book? Anyone who loves brain teasers and logic puzzles, really. Also, anyone preparing for a Mensa competition ought to check this book out, as well. Though sometimes the puzzles seem more like riddles than genuine problems to solve. Those who enjoy the word play aspect of puzzles, will enjoy THE Book of Word Games: Parlett's Guide to 150 Great and Quick-to-Learn Word Games.

These are not the usual American logic puzzles. They are British, so some of the language is a bit puzzling (Google straightened that out for me). It took me a while to finish them - pretty darned challenging!

This was my first ever logic puzzle book and overall I found it challenging and entertaining. I just finished the entire book. The puzzles get harder as you go which kept it interesting for me. The only downside is that it can get repetitive since the variety of question types is limited. I would

recommend it to someone at a high school level and above since a lot of the puzzles require heavy logic and patience in order to figure out. I felt some of the answers could have been written in a way that teaches you to think through the puzzles instead of just giving you the answer straight, but I only needed to defer to the answers for a couple of questions so that wasn't a huge issue for me. Overall I felt this book was quite challenging and really a true logic puzzle book.

Challenging is all one can say about these. I got them for a family member who is struggling with memory issues. I knew she was going to struggle with them, and intended them to be difficult. She has told me more than once they succeeded, but she has finished some and she is feeling better about things so all in all a worthy purchase.

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