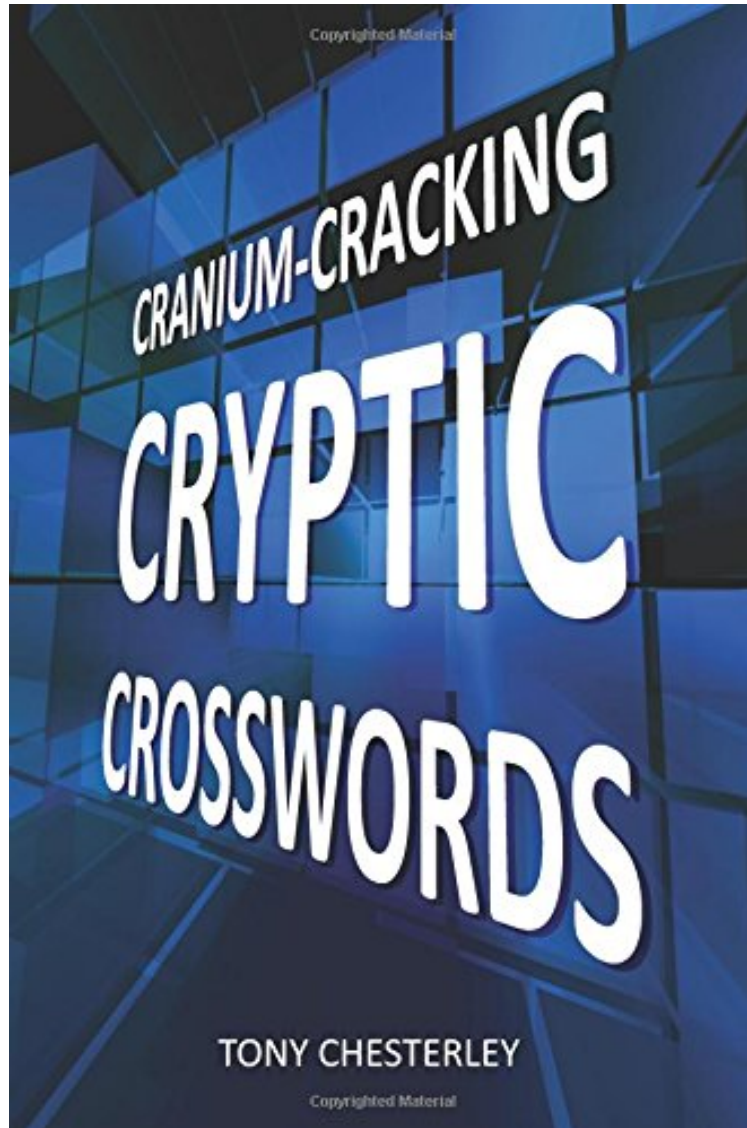


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6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. DifficultBy I. ZawilskiThis book contains (seemingly!) garden-variety, American style cryptics, and I am a veteran cryptic solver, but I am finding these very hard. I can't put my finger on why they are so hard, since the basic rules of cryptics are being followed. Perhaps I am just not on the same wave-length as the author, which sometimes happens with puzzles. When I've been stumped in this book, to the point where I give up and check the answer, I can usually see how it was arrived at. But I have to say that some of the

definitions and word-play here are really stretching it, in my opinion. Maybe when I get further into the book, and begin to think more like the author, I'll find them more fun. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. tough, humorless  
By Jack Rawlins  
Speaking as a lover of cryptics, I find these to be an unrewarding slog. The puzzles have no themes or wrinkles--just damned hard clues one after another. I find them basically joyless. The puzzles' titles are meaningless, which irritates me. The clues bend over backwards to be hard in ways I don't find rewarding. And the synonyms have an almost British disregard for strict meaning ("scour" defined as "shake down"?). But if you want straight, hard clues, this is your book. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. NOT HARD, JUST BAD  
By A. Stoken  
A lot of reviewers are saying these puzzles are extremely difficult. Sure they are. The clues are just awful. Chesterley has a good handle on the wordplay, everything works there and the pieces all fit. But one element of every cryptic clue has to be a real definition. It's fine to be tricky here and use a less common meaning for a word, but Chesterley is so far out in left field I can't even see him. In the first puzzle "cross" means feisty, and "stiff" means gauche. Really?? That's just poor cluing. When I saw that he defines (answer) sorceresses as (clue) "hexes" I threw the book away. It's not fun if it isn't fairly done.

Here for your delight is a brain-bending collection of 40 cryptic crosswords for puzzle mavens who relish this ingeniously addictive mental pastime. Unlike the conventional crossword clue, a cryptic clue contains a straight definition of its answer along with a roundabout description using wordplay - perhaps an anagram, word reversal, homophone or word within a word - cleverly disguised to look like a run-of-the-mill phrase. For example, the answer to "Remote tumbling space rock (6)" would be METEOR, an anagram of "remote" that means "space rock." Cracking the clue-writer's code offers mental stimulation far beyond that of the everyday crossword. So grab your pencils, crank up your cranium and enjoy the lexical carnival within!

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About the Author  
Tony Chesterley has savored cryptic crosswords since his days in college. He draws inspiration from the many venerable constructors who have amused U.S. puzzle buffs with this addictive form of crossword invented in the British Isles. With a style and erudition that befits American solvers, Tony strives to write crosswords that are both wily and entertaining. His alacrity for deceptive definitions and grammatical ambiguity is sure to keep even veteran solvers guessing:  
Outrageous rates tacked onto cost bug consumers (9)  
May rock spread in ephemeral deposit? (7)  
San Diego team clips Bears defense (6)  
Rogue parasites eating at finger (9)