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**From Radge Publishing : Cryptic Crossword Secrets by Barbara Gettinby (2009-07-05)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Cryptic Crossword Secrets by Barbara Gettinby (2009-07-05):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. MMaynardBy MaryI'm a newbie to cryptics and this book was very helpful in teaching me to break down the clues and to think differently about what the clue is actually indicating. I liked that she included the standard crossword cluing, so that if you did get stuck, you could use that information to continue to attempt to solve the cryptic. Warning though, the book uses British spellings and abbreviations which could cause some frustrations for non-Brits. Although, her techniques do work with American cryptics as well.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. BEST CRYPTIC PUZZLE BOOK I HAVE FOUNDBy Ms. Nancy A. BernhardI HAVE BEEN DOING CRYPTIC PUZZLES FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS OR SO. THE AUTHOR IS THE ONLY ONE YOU GIVES YOU A DETAILED INFO ON WHAT IS THE CORRECT ANSWER. I AM ABLE TO DO MORE OF A PUZZLE WITHOUT HAVING TO RESORT TO THE ANSWER KEY. MOST ANSWER KEYS DO NOT TELL YOU WHAT REVERSAL CONTAINER IS OR LEAD ON QUESTIONS. I LIKE THAT SHE HAS THE IMPORTANT WORD FOR EACH QUESTION BELOW THE PUZZLE QUESTION. I ALWAYS HAD A PROBLEM FIGURING OUT WHICH HOMOPHONE IS THE CORRECT ANSWER. WITH THE CHEAT LIST BELOW IT IS EASY. CYRPTIC PUZZLES SOLVING IS MADE BY ALWAYS SEEING HOW THEY GOT THE ANSWER. VERY GOOD LEARNING TOOL0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Useful, but not sufficientBy Michael K JohnsonI got this because my eight-year-old daughter is interested in doing cryptics, and I was looking for better examples to help her learn the different types of cryptic clues.On the good side, the example clues at

the beginning were sufficiently well described that my daughter was able to solve most of them fairly quickly after reading the description of how that type of clue worked, and the examples she worked helped her to recognize and solve those types of cryptic clues when doing crosswords. On the bad side, at least one of the most common clue construction techniques wasn't explicitly addressed -- there was no discussion of charades. For better or worse, there was no discussion of what makes a cryptic clue fair. It's very focused on practical aids, giving specific examples of the clue elements that have invented meaning specific to the cryptic crossword (for example, "Banker" for "river", so "Italian Banker" may be used to clue "po" in a charade) without the context of debates over what is fair. (Search for "Ximenean clueing" or "Ximenes" or "Ximenean clueing Alberich" for context here.) It can be useful to know whether to look for the more devious types of clues depending on the source of the puzzle. So far, I haven't tried any of the included puzzles; this review is only of the introduction. So it's hardly a fair review...