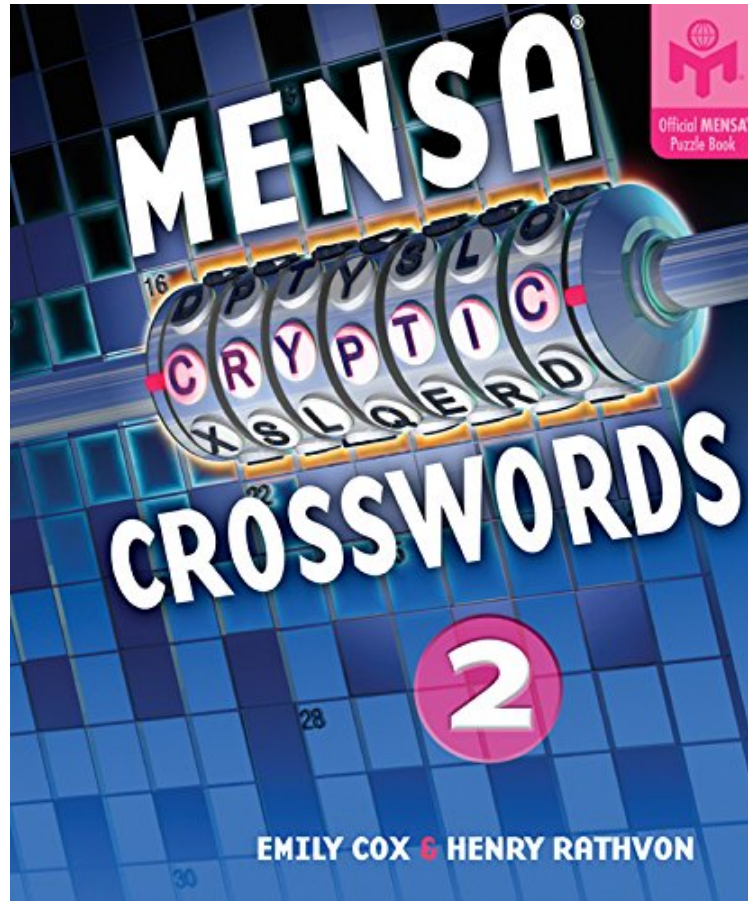


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Emily Cox, Henry Rathvon : Cryptic Crosswords 2 (Official Mensa Puzzle Book) (No. 2) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Cryptic Crosswords 2 (Official Mensa Puzzle Book) (No. 2):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. It seemed like the puzzle was begging to have a clever title ...By Denise Walters This book doesn't need my praise; it's Cox and Rathvon, for crying out loud! It's just as you would expect. The puzzles don't have titles, though. They're just "Puzzle 1," "Puzzle 2," etc. I thought that could have been different. For instance, one of the puzzles uses the word "self" in the clues and an answer thirteen times. It seemed like the puzzle was begging to have a clever title having to do with "self." Also, I prefer the bar style of construction rather than the shaded boxes to separate unchecked letters. The shaded box style usually results in checked letters only alternating throughout each answer. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. well-designed crosswords and good fun, though quite a few Canadian references By fitsimmons084I am halfway through this and enjoying it. I especially like how Cox themes each of her puzzles; the one I am currently working on is focused on mountains. As other reviewers have mentioned, there are some puzzles especially where a Canadian citizenship would be quite

helpful. One of them for example, featured a few Canadian news broadcasters whom I had to google to make sure I guessed them right. But for the most part, the clues are citizenship-neutral, and with the lack of good cryptic volumes out there (I've probably filled in all the US-based ones already), this was a fun addition to the collection. Plus, I did learn a few things about our neighbors to the north!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. I love this! I get GAMES magazine. By ADI love this! I get GAMES magazine, so I'm familiar with the writers. This doesn't take me a great deal of time, and cryptics are actually something I do for relaxation. I don't feel like the answers don't fit the clues as in Cryptic Crosswords Volume 2. I mean c'mon, he puts the word "copper" in a clue and then nowhere uses "cu". That book was rife with misdirection, this one isn't!

From Mensa comes a series of super-challenging puzzles that go way beyond the average crossword and also offer an authentic treasure-trove of wordplay demanding some skilled solving. Here's how they go: each clue has two parts. One is the normal definition of an answer, while the other features a little linguistic playfulness—maybe an anagram, perhaps a pun, and sometimes even a word written backward. And the hitch is there's usually no indication of which comes first, or punctuation to mark the division. You've got to see through the clue-makers' deceptions and tease out the correct answer by rethinking the clues' wording. Some of the irresistible language trickery includes double definitions, hidden answers, homophones, and containers.