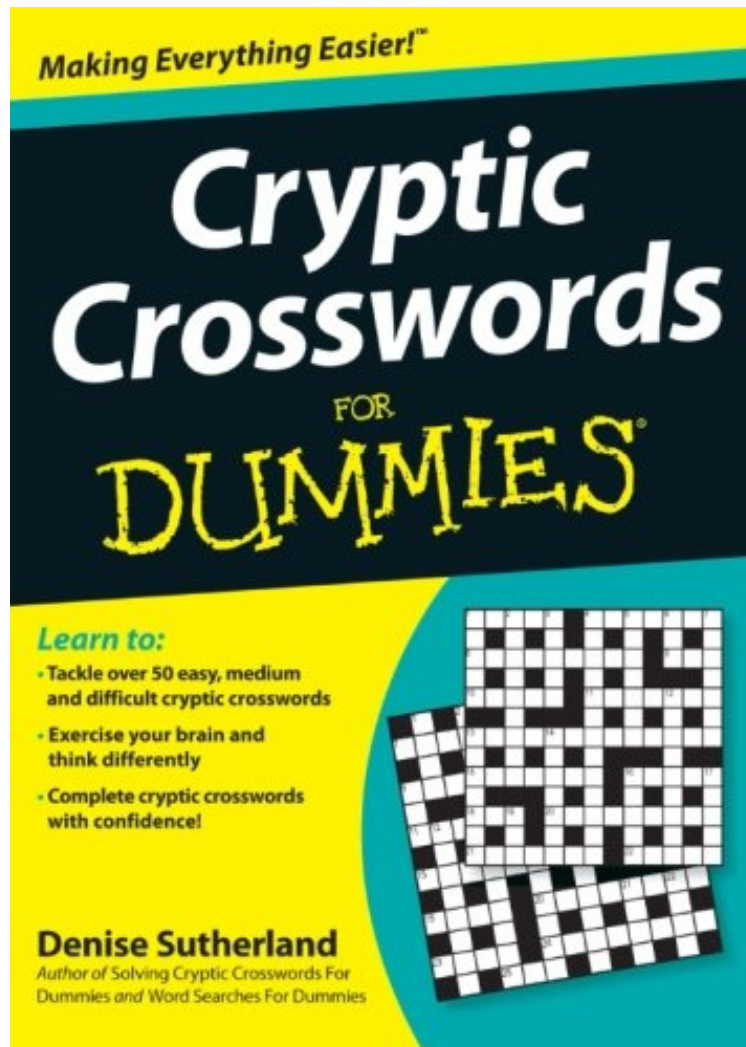


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Very nice collection of cryptic crosswordsBy KerrabellaI took a chance on this puzzle book because there were no reviews yet. I have been loving cryptic crosswords since the early 80s thanks to Games Magazine. I do other puzzles, so I may go months before getting back into a cryptic crossword phase.If you are brand new to cryptics, I recommend you buy the author's book Solving Cryptic Crosswords For Dummies because she says she gives many more examples and practice puzzles there for newbies. This book just explains the basics, which I didn't bother to read until a moment ago when I decided to write this review (except for a handy reference list).There are three groups of puzzles: 25 Easy Peasy, 18 Challenging, and 13 Treacherous. I started

with #1 and am now on puzzle 12. The Easy Peasy puzzles are easy if you're mildly experienced, but I'm enjoying them greatly anyway because they are so well done. I do one each morning with my coffee to wake up my brain and can finish one in 30-45 minutes. The clues are smooth - most actually read like a real sentence, which is refreshing. The author definitely has the knack. And each puzzle has had at least 2 really long words and many medium-sized words. These are NOT puzzles with just small words! I can't comment on the Challenging puzzles, but I'm looking forward to them more than the Treacherous ones...The author is from Australia, but I believe I've only seen 1 clue specific to her country - unlike the British cryptics that, naturally, reference many things British - which can be difficult for non-Brits. Not a problem here. I got this handy-to-hold 5x7 book for \$9.99 and it's well worth it for me! Unless you must struggle for a long time on every word to be happy, I think you'll like this book, too. It's a lot of fun for 10 bucks. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Easy Easy Peasies By BG Years ago I was totally hooked on cryptics and considered myself quite good. Then I quit doing them and got totally out of practice. This book is helping me get back into the groove. I'm about halfway through the "easy peasy" puzzles, and having clues that aren't too hard is great. Only complaint is that the author is Australian and therefore some (only a few) of the clues are more of the British sort. Also, some of the "abbreviations" are unfamiliar to me and are not included in her reference section of abbreviations, such as "L" for student, which has come up in several puzzles. Wish there were some of the variety puzzles here, but these are all just plain cryptics. Still, glad to be getting back to these brain exercisers. Love the pocket size of the book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Win Excellent practise.

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