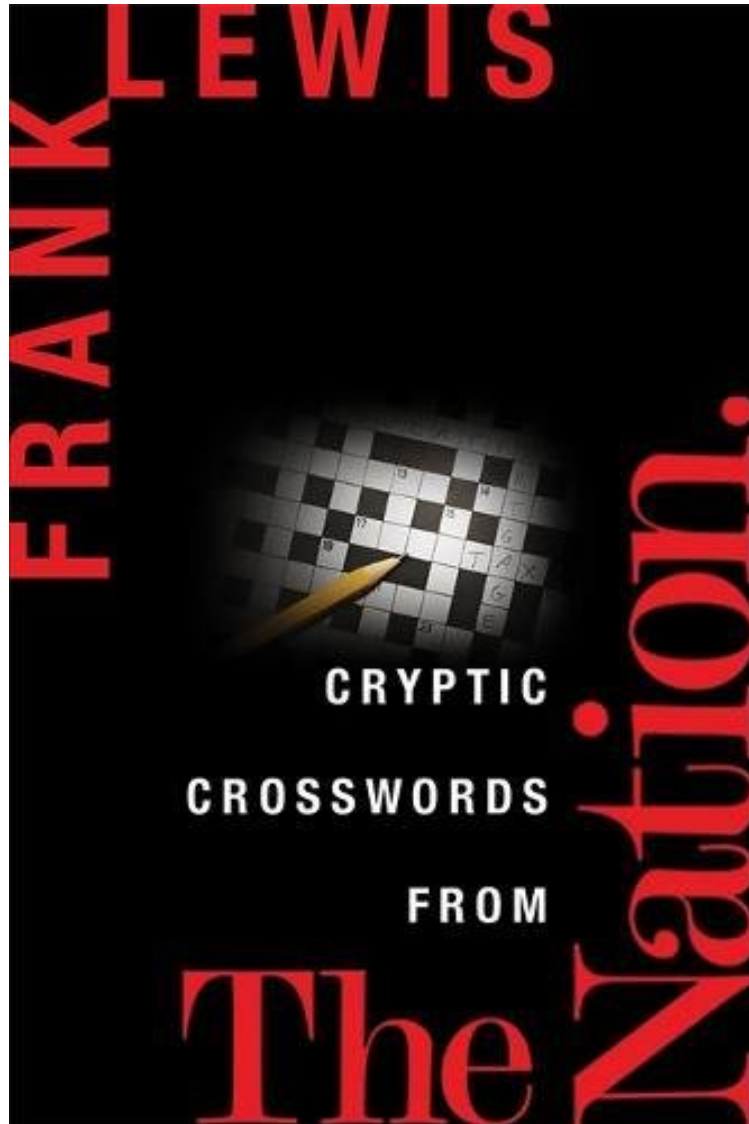


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Frank Lewis : Cryptic Crosswords from The Nation before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Cryptic Crosswords from The Nation:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Cryptic, but not in a good way By Veronica Falcao I'm a fan of the Emily Cox and Henry Rathvon style and consider their "Atlantic Cryptic Crosswords" to be the pinnacle of the art. I say this to give you a reference point for my comments. I found Frank Lewis' style to be confusing at best and sometimes incomprehensible. The clues are vague; he seems to take more of a gestalt approach. If it weren't for the

shortage of American cryptic crosswords, I would say to give this one a skip. However, I think it does require more lateral thinking than derivation, so if you're doing crosswords to keep your brain in tip-top shape, this book will really get you scratching your head! If you're a fan of double definition clues, you might really enjoy this book. Some of the clues even offer a triple definition! In puzzle #28, I believe GRAYLEG is wrongly offered as an anagram of LARGELY. This sort of error makes me doubt the integrity of all the clues. It feels like it shows a lack of respect for the solver.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I love Frank Lewis crosswords
By langostino I love Frank Lewis crosswords! They are one of the delights of my life! This particular volume is very poorly designed. It is as if the manufacturer didn't realize that you need to be able to conveniently write in this book. Really ineptly put together.

18 of 18 people found the following review helpful. great cryptics for Americans
By katydid I am fairly new to cryptics, but have really enjoyed this book. There is a real sense of humor in many of the clues, and most are fairly to very clever. Sometimes downright devious - in a good way. I find the British cryptics too obscure because of cultural differences, and I love the fact that this book is more accessible to Americans. There are many challenging clues, it wouldn't be an interesting collection if there were not, but I do not think most experienced cryptic fans would find it so difficult that they cannot eventually solve the puzzles. I have the benefit of a British spouse experienced with cryptics who can help me. Those who are starting out, and don't have that kind of help available, might want to invest in a guide which explains cryptics before tackling this book. Others will most likely find it the right blend of challenging and accessible.

Though known for its fierce polemics and contrarian political voices, one of the most abiding and popular features of The Nation magazine and something Republicans would consider subscribing to the magazine for are Frank Lewis' weekly crossword puzzles which have appeared in the magazine since 1947. This new collection of Lewis' work the first in over a decade will delight Lewis fans and crossword puzzlers alike with his trademark cryptic, punning and anagram-atic style.

About the Author Frank W. Lewis has constructed cryptic crosswords as a hobby for The Nation since 1947. Although trained as a musician (with a Master of Music degree) possessing some talent as a conductor, particularly for choral groups, Mr. Lewis worked for thirty years as a cryptanalyst for the War Department and the National Security Agency. Much of his work is still classified. He and his wife retired to the Caribbean in 1969 but had to relocate to Massachusetts after the Montserrat volcano blew. They have five children.