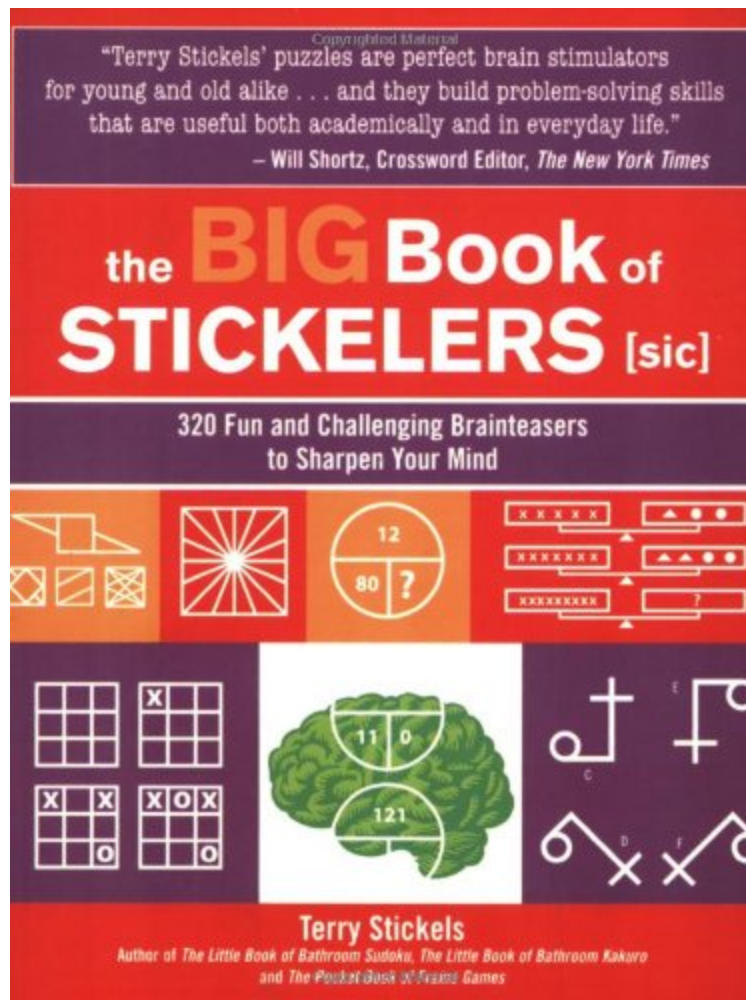


# The Big Book of Stickelers: 320 Fun and Challenging Brainteasers to Sharpen Your Mind

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fact that most are not solved through simple mathematical equations. Most require looking at problems in unique ways and evaluating outside of normal problem-solving methodologies. I enjoy sharing puzzles with friends and watching them flippantly give wrong answers based on the obvious. They quickly realize that correct answers require looking at the problem from several angles. Great mental exercises! I would recommend to all.

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The Big Book of Stickelers is an excellent collection of brainteasers that teachers of mathematics will enjoy. It could also be used as a source of warm-ups for secondary students. As Sudoku and Kakuro have gained popularity, so have other mathematics and thinking puzzles. Because critical thinking is an objective of any mathematics curriculum, Stickels' book--a collection from his syndicated column--will improve students' analytical skills and allow them to realize that mathematics is more than just applying and memorizing formulas. Although some of the puzzles are oriented toward the language arts and others have too high a level of difficulty, traditional middle school topics are abundant. Number patterns, surface area, and word and logic problems are a few of the topics that can be found. Teachers could use these puzzles exactly as they appear, or the puzzles could be modified to fit the needs of students. An index by category would have been helpful; however, the book's original intent was not as an educational tool. The Big Book of Stickelers was field-tested with students in my college freshmen survey course, as well as one on one with some students in middle school and high school. All review groups enjoyed these puzzles and found them to be challenging and mind expanding. Teachers will delight in the fun of Stickelers; their students will benefit by strengthening critical-thinking skills and developing persistence and flexibility in problem solving. in MATHEMATICS TEACHING IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL. Written by Robin A. Schwartz, Founder, Math Confidence, College of Mount Saint Vincent, Riverdale, NY.