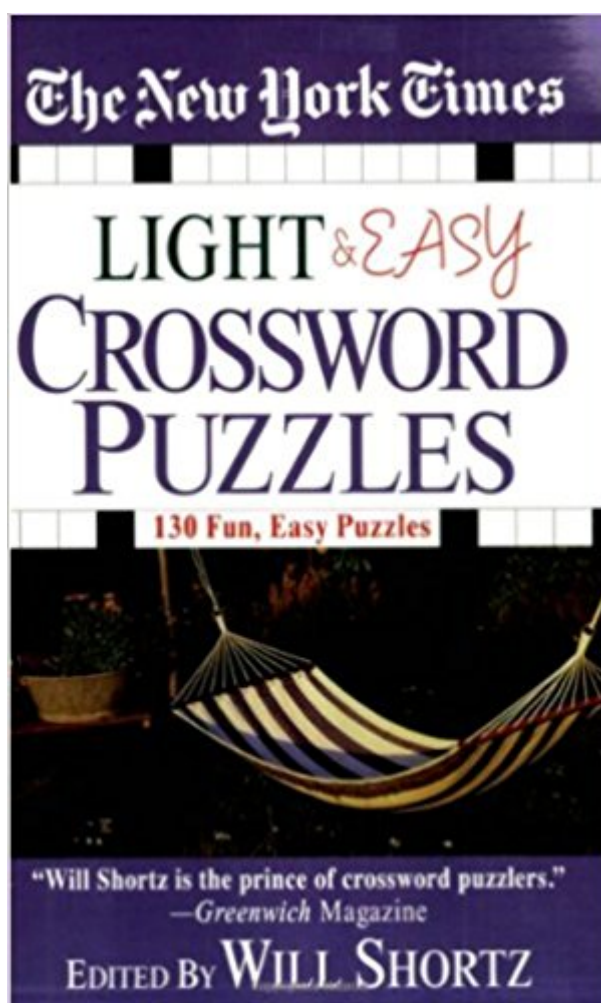


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The volume is inconsistent in level of difficulty. Some puzzles (particularly those by Peter Gordon) were enjoyable, and manageable without my having to cheat once (!), while others were so dense that I could answer only a small handful of the clues without help. I wonder what their criteria are for determining which puzzles to include in this "easy" volume; some were not easy at all. I've just ordered a book of Monday puzzles from the New York Times. Monday puzzles are reputed to be the easiest of the NY Times' offerings, and I'm hoping they'll be similar to one another in complexity. It's frustrating to have so much variation in a single book, from relatively easy to nigh impossible for a neophyte like me.

This is a pocket-sized puzzle book. I expected the puzzles to be half-sized, but they are full-sized puzzles, reduced to fit the pages. I used my highest powered reading glasses - the power I use to thread needles - but type was still unreadable without a magnifying glass. A 0.3 pencil lead, used lightly, seemed huge. Between the hand cramp and reading headache, I was unable to make it through the first puzzle.

I'm a beginner at crossword puzzles, so while this says "light & easy" I am going to have to disagree, from a beginner's standpoint, that is. Maybe I'm dumb or maybe I just don't have the arcane knowledge required to do these puzzles. Either way, not very happy with my purchase. I am no longer attempting crosswords since codeword puzzles got my attention when I was traveling in London and decided to give it a go.

Great puzzles. Not for the beginning crossword puzzle player but challenging and do-able.

2 small=2 stars. This puzzle book is the size of an old-time paperback book and the clues and the puzzles are on two different pages. Not the format for me. Not convenient and not user friendly. Be careful to read the descriptions so that you won't make the same mistake I did.

There is some wide variety in the crosswords in that some are extremely easy and others are fairly challenging. However, that's what you should expect from the NYT. If you want a truly simple crossword book, this is not for you. These more likely fall in the intermediate range.

In general the crosswords are fairly easy, as stated on the cover. However, I have two complaints.

There are puzzles that have numbers in them, which is very atypical, especially for "light and easy" crosswords. Second, there are clues that are written in English with the answer being Spanish without giving any clue to the fact that it's going to be a word from another language. I'm only two puzzles in, so please read other reviews as well. However, I'm very frustrated with the quality of the puzzles so far.

I bought this book for my Dad who is in Hospital. He does puzzles often, but prefers easy to mid-level. This book is exactly as billed. Light and easy. Dad has kept this book at his bedside for the last week, working about 2 per day, giving us lots to talk about as the hours pass. At first I thought the size (classic paperback book size) would be too small. But, it turned out to be perfect. Easy to read, and handy size. He has commented at least once each day about how perfect the book is!

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