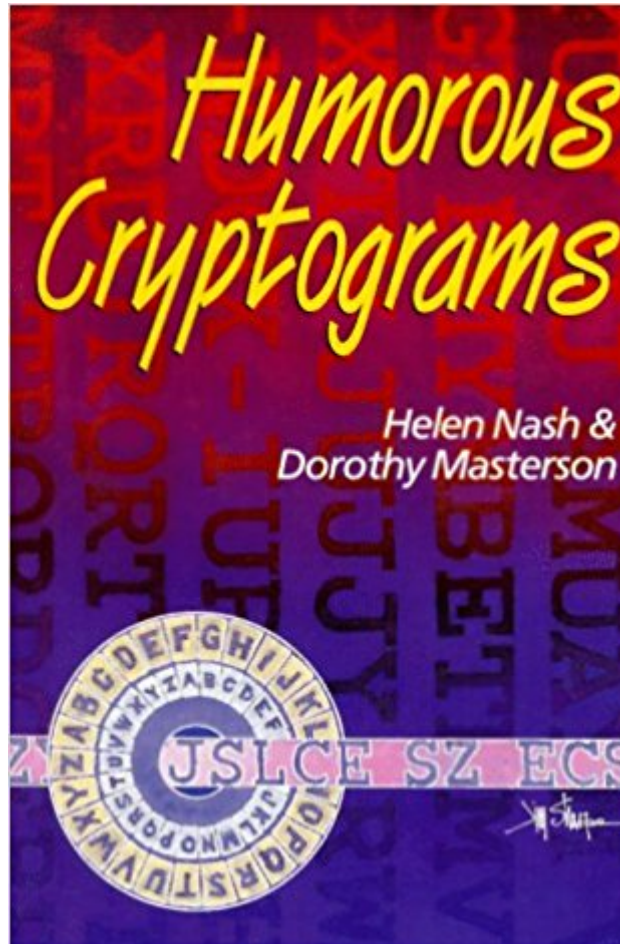




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Customer Reviews

There's a real reward doing these humorous puzzles, a good chuckle at the end. I'm a cryptogram nut these days and I found this one a real hoot. Each puzzle rated a least a smile and at most a belly laugh. If you like this kind of puzzle, by all means get this one. Oh yes, the pages are nice and sturdy, so you don't have to worry about making holes in the paper when you erase.

I found this book to be error-free. It has page after page of puzzles to work on hour after hour. I recommend it for those who love cryptograms. For the novice, a clue is provided for each puzzle at the end of the book. I have had to buy several copies for family members who share my addiction to this clever type of puzzle. There are enough puzzles to last days and days and days. That beat working 20 in a puzzlebook, and then having to buy a new puzzlebook. I like all cryptograms. This book was written for me!

This inexpensive, sturdy, entertaining book contains 400 humorous, comical and sometimes even

witty quotes, drawn from a myriad of personalities and encoded in challenging substitution cipher, guaranteed to keep you busy for hours. It also includes an introduction with general hints for solving cryptograms and, for those who take a wrong turn, two sections with clues on the solution of each puzzle. The full solutions are presented at the back of the book, along with an index of authors and quotations for those searching for quotes from one or another individual in particular. The puzzles vary in difficulty, and you will find yourself using your intuition, your knowledge of spelling and syntax, and even your familiarity of each quoted individual to figure them out. If you love cryptograms, buy this book. I can assure you that besides getting a healthy workout for your mind, you will also find, at the end of each puzzle, a gratifying laugh, chuckle or smile.--Reviewed by M. E. Volmar

I love doing cryptograms and bought this book because it promised to be humorous. The back cover states that "your sense of humor will be well rewarded." NOT TRUE. Here's an example of some solved ones "Confusion is a word we have invented for an order which is not understood." Or how about this one... "Believe me, you have to get up early if you want to get out of bed." Here's another... "Do you think my mind is maturing late, or simply rotted early?" and this one, "I would rather lie on the sofa than sweep beneath it." There are literally dozens of these cryptograms that are not humorous and some don't even make sense. If you like doing cryptograms and don't care if they are funny or make sense, then this book might be ok. The paper and page sizes are small and not user friendly like the larger magazine type books.

not is the font way too small, but the cryptoquips are written very close to each other. If you make even one mistake, your paper will be so cluttered you won't be able to finish working it. Someone who doesn't have experience working cryptoquips obviously published/printed this thing!

I'm a huge puzzle junkie, and I have to get my fix every day. I change it up between crossword puzzles, Sudoku, word find and cryptograms. This cryptogram book includes humorous quotes from famous people. Most of them were pretty funny, but a few fell flat. I'm not sure exactly why, but I found this book to be a little more challenging than some of the others I've used. There are two sets of clues in the back, and I ended up peeking at them more than usual. I'm not complaining about that â I do like a good mental workout. However, the reason I gave the book a 4 rather than a 5 is because the font is a little too small and not spaced far enough apart for these old eyes. Still, I would have no qualms about recommending this book to friends and family.

If you're new to cryptos, as I was, this is a GREAT book. The quoted authors are current (Woody Allen, Jay Leno, Bob Dole, David Letterman) so you don't have to know the poets from 1450 AD to get some clues. The quotes are charming and witty, and it taught me a LOT about how to solve quotes because they were long enough to find patterns. Some books have five word quotes: that's impossible to solve if you're a beginner or intermediate user. The HINT feature is great; if stuck, go to the back of the book and get one letter. That's the foothold you need to solve the puzzle. Overall, the best book I've tried out of about five. I think you'll enjoy it if you're a puzzle person. Some quotes I use myself now.

At this writing, I have worked 283 puzzles and have found three of them to have errors (puzzles 59, 256 and 272). While solving the puzzles has been fun, it's disconcerting to stumble across an error. It's still a fun book. Some of the puzzles almost solve themselves. Others require you to dig deep into your knowledge of spelling and syntax, as well as the personality of the author of the quotation itself. Most are somewhere in between. In fact, if you're a multitasker like me, you can watch TV or even talk on the phone while solving the puzzles. I'm beginning to panic at this point because I've only got 117 puzzles left! All in all, I recommend the book, errors notwithstanding.

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