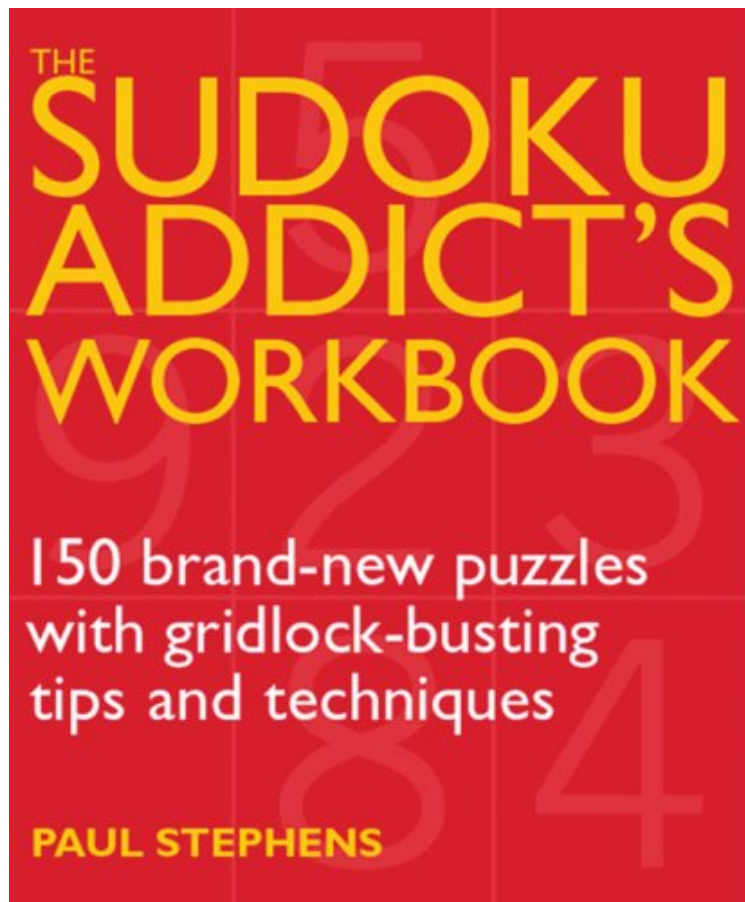


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**Paul Stephens : The Sudoku Addict's Workbook: 150 Brand-New Puzzles with Gridlock-Busting Tips and Techniques** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Sudoku Addict's Workbook: 150 Brand-New Puzzles with Gridlock-Busting Tips and Techniques:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. First class exercises for intermediate/advanced sudoku addict, but not a workbook for those hoping to improve strategies.By Mary WhipplePaul Stephens's collection of one hundred fifty new puzzles will keep sudoku addicts going for a long time. Even the easiest ones at the beginning offer some significant challenges, if not with the puzzles themselves but with the time limitations he provides for "improver," "expert," and "genius." The puzzles are unusually well devised, and they are printed on top quality paper, so that if you, like me, may have to do a particularly challenging puzzle three times before you finally figure out all the tricks, you can erase and then re-do, without any problems. Erasing is clean, without any residue left on the eraser, and the

puzzle is so "new"-looking that I defy anyone to realize that this is a re-do. I've been a sudoku addict for about three years, doing at least one puzzle a day, and I was hoping that this book would provide me with some of the techniques that the really great puzzle solvers use to work on a solution when they hit gridlock, but I was disappointed, not with the puzzles, but with the author's unusually arcane descriptions of the sudoku strategies which most of us do automatically. Spending time trying to translate what I have been doing automatically, into the author's pre-established vocabulary is annoying, when the need to do this is based on the author's unusual labeling and not on the technique itself. I finally decided to just do the puzzles, the way I normally do. I've learned a lot about the math and strategy from doing the successive Tom Sheldon series (which I strongly recommend, regardless of level of expertise), and knowing the complex names that Stephens applies to the usual sudoku strategies is not important to me. In fact, I find most of them LESS helpful than just following instinct. This is one of the best books I've found in terms of the quality of the puzzles, but if you are hoping to improve your skills as a result of this book, you may be disappointed. The author provides graphic examples for the strategies he suggests, but the scope of these and the ability of the puzzler to apply them to future use is so limited that I finally gave up. (I've never quite figured out what the A and B in his examples represent because the whole puzzle is not shown, and I can't see his suggestions in total context!) I've found that the techniques I already have from the Tom Sheldon series have stood me in good stead, however, and I have totally enjoyed, and even admired, Stephens's puzzles.

n Mary Whipple *The Big Sudoku Brain Workout: 150 Puzzles for a Younger Mind, Book One*, by Tom Sheldon *Sudoku Genius: 144 of the Most Fiendish Puzzles Ever Devised, Book Two*, by Tom Sheldon *Sudoku Master Class, Book Three*, by Tom Sheldon *Will Shortz Presents The Little Black Book of Sudoku: 400 Puzzles (Will Shortz Presents...)*

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great sudoku book  
By Helen M  
This book explains some average/advanced strategies in a way that helped me understand the logic behind them and how to spot them in puzzles. It gives clues at the bottom of each puzzle and the answer section includes colored squares which indicate where the strategies were found in the puzzle. The book itself is on really nice paper. On all puzzles, whether from this source or others, I use my own grids and transfer the puzzles so I have more room for candidates, notation, etc.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Finally, real tips for solving Sudoku  
By Angelsshopper  
I think I've purchased at least 10 copies of this book over the past four years. Most Sudoku books give only the bare essentials in solving these puzzles. Paul Stephens' book has so many clear instructions for ever-more advanced solutions. I just wish he'd do more books because I'm finally getting to the point where I can do even the most advanced without help.

Become a sudoku-solving whiz! Sudoku guru Paul Stephens (*Mastering Sudoku*) has devised a skill-building workbook that can take you from average to confidently advanced in no time. His comprehensive how-to features a selection of foolproof techniques, along with 150 hand-picked puzzles (self-generated from his own computer program) specially chosen to provide practice in key strategies. Each puzzle has an introductory profile, expert tips for extra guidance, and a grade-yourself time score. On the solution pages, Stephens has highlighted many key solving patterns and an ingenious way to help newcomers master even difficult puzzles. A 10-page introduction covers all the major techniques from pairs and triples to X-wing, swordfish and non-unique rectangles. Sudoku has never been so much fun!

From the Author  
Unfortunately Mr Millar has missed the point of this book. On Page 7 it says: "Before the puzzles you'll find a 10-page quick reference guide to the solving techniques you'll need to complete this book. This isn't a full sudoku-solving tutorial (for that try my book *Mastering Sudoku*), but should be enough to jog your memory" *Sudoku Addict's Workbook* is for people who've already studied sudoku solving, and want a set of carefully-graded puzzles on which to practice their skills. It's not "How to play tennis", it's 150 practice games on court with a coach giving you tips on which shots to play in each situation. There are dozens of sudoku tutorial books out there (including my own *Mastering Sudoku*), but few (if any) which provide this kind of guided development. Incidentally, box claims are mentioned in the quick reference guide, on page 10 under "Intersection claims (row, column and box)". Space was at an absolute premium if we were going to pack all 150 puzzles in, and we didn't have room to mention row claims, column claims and box claims individually. Sorry if that's caused confusion. Paul Stephens