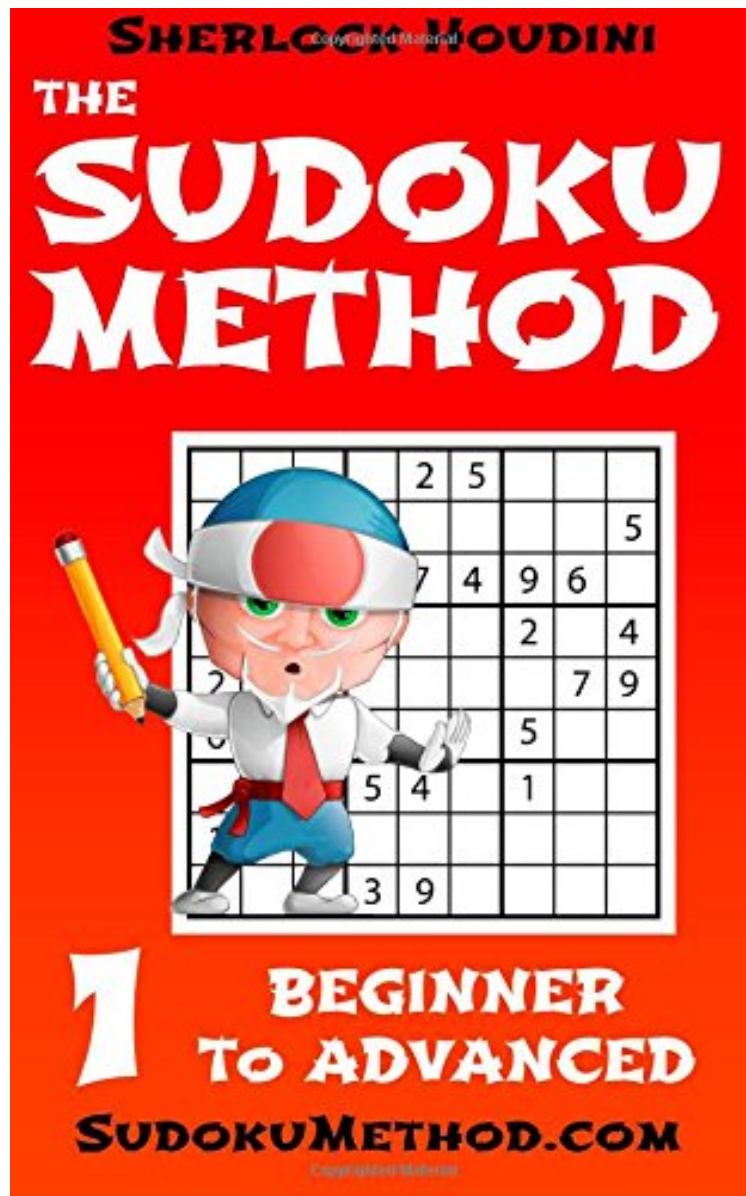


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**Sherlock Houdini : The Sudoku Method - Volume 1 - Beginner to Advanced (Learn how to solve Sudoku puzzles)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Sudoku Method - Volume 1 - Beginner to Advanced (Learn how to solve Sudoku puzzles):

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By Knitter/Spinner  
Just what I needed to get started with a new pastime  
12 of 13 people found the following review helpful. Good intro and beginners guide to my favorite puzzle  
By Eric Sedensky  
This is not a book I would normally have read or even looked into if I had not received a free electronic version from the author, however, once I started reading, I was curious and interested enough to read the book from start to finish. I have been doing Sudoku puzzles for close to thirty years, having first discovered them when I lived in Japan in the late 1980s when these puzzles first took off. As such, I did not need anyone to explain to me how to solve them, but I am always looking for some clues or insight into how to solve these puzzles more efficiently, so I agreed to read the book.  
So first, let me explain what this book is not. Its not a book of Sudoku. There are only a few practice puzzles, and they are not particularly difficult at that. Also, this is not a mathematical treatise or a scholarly analysis of the puzzle and possible solving methods. All this book really is, is a simple, clear, basic beginners approach to solving Sudoku puzzles. It provides a careful explanation of the rules and how those rules dictate how you solve the puzzle. It also provides some terminology for discussing the puzzle and solving methodologies, hopefully with a mind to providing a structure for thinking about how to solve the puzzles. Then, it provides a walk-through of a couple of different solving methods. Its logical, well organized, clear, and practical.  
If you are new to Sudoku or one of those people who just doesn't get Sudoku, this will be a great book for you. It wont make you an expert, but after reading through this book, anyone should then be able to solve some beginner to moderate level puzzles. If you are already a regular Sudoku-er and have tackled more than a few deadly, evil, or diabolical puzzles, this book will not tell you anything you dont already know. In fact, although the author basically takes two approaches, in my own mind, they are both essentially the same thing. The only difference is that one of them relies on a more graphic representation of how to go about solving the puzzles, which sort of gives that method a different flavor. Unfortunately, that solving method is also not realistic, as it requires filling the boxes with potential numbers and erasing (I presume) as you go along. (I do the puzzles in pen with my non-dominant (left) hand, to make my brain work harder, so erasing is not an option. )  
If you've never caught the Sudoku bug but have always felt like you were missing out, this book may be ideal to bring you into the Sudoku solvers world. If you are already doing Sudoku puzzles on a regular basis, you may find this book helpful for fine tuning your solving strategy, or you may find it a little too basic. Thats why I cant quite give it five stars, but its useful enough and good enough to rate a solid four.  
3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Well-Written, Good Explanations, Clear Illustrations  
By Bassocantor  
In THE SUDOKU METHOD, Sherlock Houdini illustrates the main tactics for tackling typical Sukoku puzzles. He starts with simple tactics, using "crosshatching" methods. From there, he shows the reader how to use "candidates" to solve tougher puzzles, using tactics such as "Naked" or "Hidden" pairs or triples.  
**\*\*BIG PLUS\*\***+ The author writes very clearly and succinctly. One of the better writers I have read.  
+ The illustrations that depict the various tactics are similarly laid out very well: clear font, clear explanations.  
+ The graphics are crisp and clear.  
The only gripe I have with this book (and reason for 4 Stars), is that I don't really think the book truly covers "Advanced" topics. The tactics covered are mostly pretty basic, ranging up to intermediate. If the book were titled, "Beginner to Intermediate" I think it would be more accurate. After all, if Volume 1 covers "Advanced," what's left for the next volume--super-doooper advanced?  
In any case, I really enjoyed this book. Mr Houdini knows how to write well, and how to explain complicated topics. With those "flow chart" diagrams, I bet the author is a software engineer--right?  
Now that I've had a taste of these tactics, I hope the author produces a book with the more advanced topics. I think he would find a receptive audience.  
Sample Sudoku courtesy of the author.

With its 136 illustrations, "The Sudoku Method - Volume 1 - Beginner to Advanced (Learn how to solve Sudoku puzzles)" is a guide clearly explaining how to solve Sudoku puzzles. It's not a list of tips but a method which introduces progressively the necessary concepts and techniques.