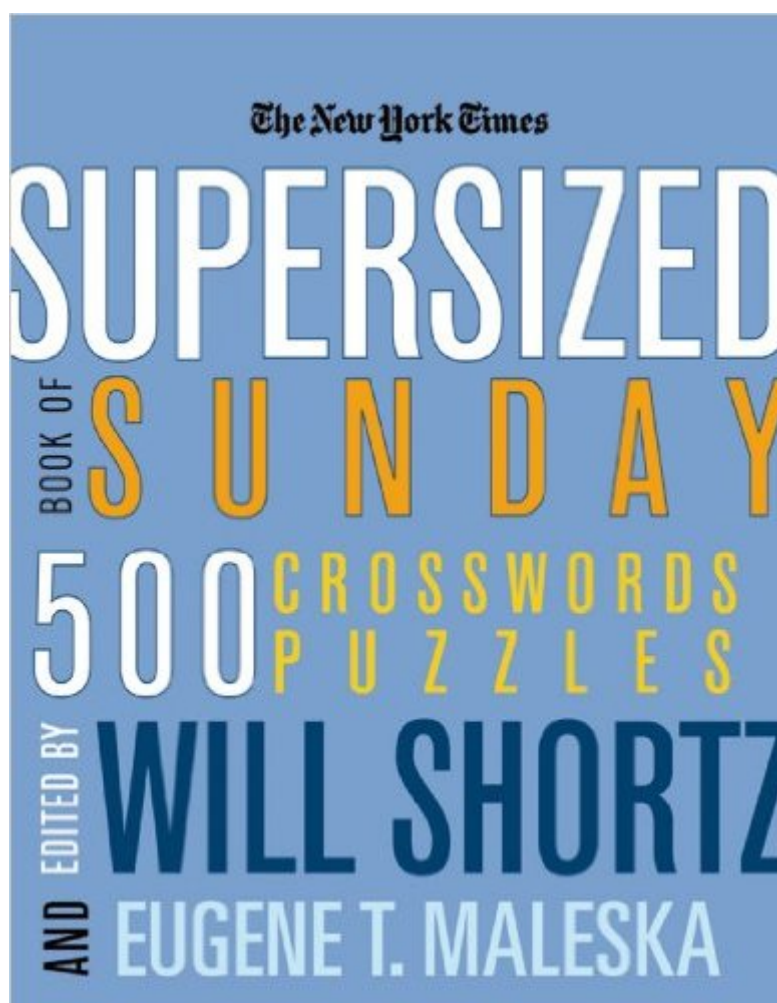


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# The New York Times Supersized Book Of Sunday Crosswords: 500 Puzzles (New York Times Crossword Puzzles)



## Synopsis

500 puzzles; the biggest collection of Sunday crosswords (the Times' most popular) EVER. Everything about the New York Times Supersized Book of Sunday Crosswords is, well, supersized. At one hour per puzzle (that's pretty fast!), eight hours of solving per day, it would still take two months of solid solving to finish this book.

## Book Information

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Will Shortz has been the crossword puzzle editor of The New York Times since 1993. He is also the puzzlemaster on NPR's Weekend Edition Sunday and is founder and director of the annual American Crossword Puzzle Tournament. He has edited countless books of crossword puzzles, Sudoku, KenKen, and all manner of brain-busters.

Like others have mentioned, a lot of the clues are way out there and have nothing to do with the answer. Plus too many: foreign words, producers of movies and actors from 80 years ago, towns/rivers NNE of Bum-pluck Egypt. I do not have internet where I do these so it is impossible to complete. Maybe 1 in 10,000 people could complete these 100%.I miss Merl Reagle. Rest in peace.

I bought this for my husband who is a bit of a crossword puzzle snob. He believes only New York Times Sunday Puzzles are challenging enough. Clues and answers are reasonable but most people will not breeze through these puzzles.

Contains a plethora of challenging puzzles as one would expect from Will Shortz Sunday puzzles. The book is so large that it would be unwieldy to work the puzzles in the book, but we overcome that by tearing out a few puzzles (pages) at a time to work on.

Writing as one who's been doing Sunday puzzles for 30 years, the first 300 puzzles in this collection of 500 are fairly good, but the quality of the final third or so goes downhill to the end. It's not because the latter puzzles are difficult, which is fine, but because they're either filled with (a) poorly conceived themes, (b) obscure, variant, or minor language spellings, and/or (c) terrible clues. It's as though the last half of the collection is from the dregs of beginner crossword constructors. On the plus side, there are 500 puzzles, so it lasts a long time.

After YEARS of doing the daily NY Times crosswords, I thought I was ready for this Sunday book; but NO, I am spending time learning what the answers are so that maybe, I will get this 500 puzzle book done.

I got this for my girlfriend who is a crossword addict. She doesn't use it, I think, because the puzzles are TOO hard. Doing a puzzle is fun if you win: not so fun if you have to struggle... You may like it. She is very smart (very!) but crossword puzzles are clue specific: If you don't know the word that the abstruse clue is referring to, you will never solve the puzzle.

It certainly has a super sized number of puzzles. My disappointment is the size of the puzzle. The boxes are very tiny. However, the person I gave it to loved it anyway and has been enjoying it.

Sunday Puzzles are just that - Sunday puzzles. The price of this collection is right; and if you do a puzzle each Sunday the 500 puzzles will last almost 10 years. This is a bargain. But the puzzles are small and hard on the eyes. And the paper is not the best. Our solution - cut each page out and scan it. Enlarge just the puzzle and print it on better paper. Use the clues on the original. Enjoy! I would have given this 5 stars if the puzzles themselves were larger and the paper better.

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