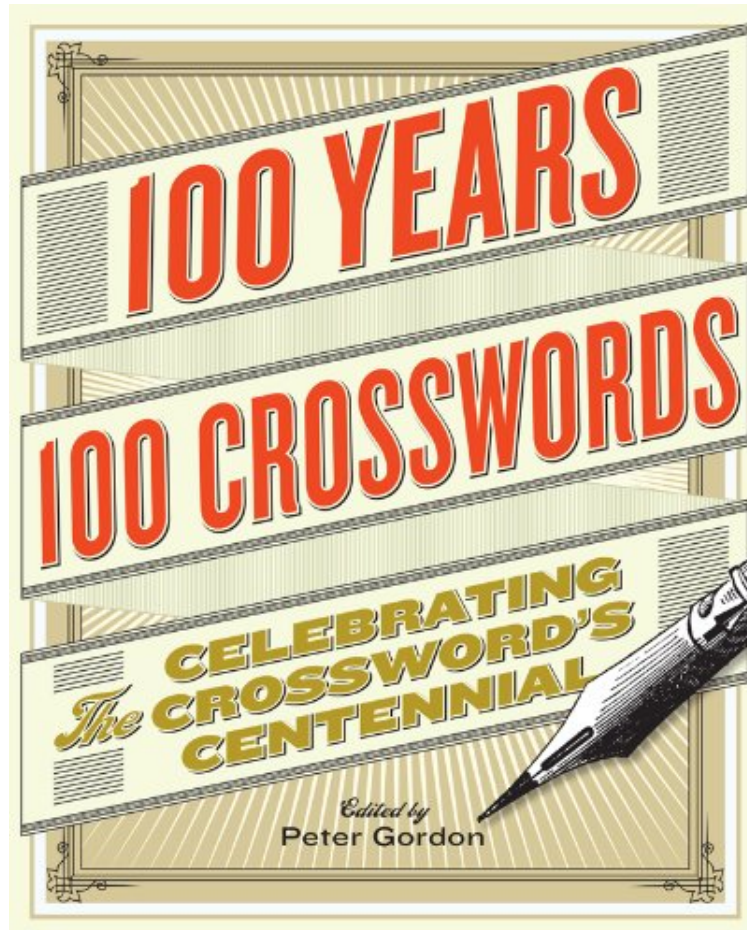


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25 of 25 people found the following review helpful. FlashbackBy PuzzleMATActually the book contains 101 puzzles. First up, is the 1913 puzzle that made history by Arthur Wynne (which is regarded as the world's first crossword). The next 100 puzzles that follow celebrate the crossword's centennial. The 100 puzzles are divided into ten chapters of ten puzzles. Each chapter is divided into ten years and contains themes that are related to an important event in that timeframe. So after the first puzzle, the first chapter is 1913-1922, then 1922-1932 and so on all the way to 2003-2012. Three random themes from the book: -There's a puzzle devoted to the 1953 proposed description of DNA's structure. -Premiere of 'The Simpsons' in 1989 And the more recent stock market crash in 2000. There are a lot of gimmicks throughout the book (think Thursday NYT crosswords). The puzzles are written by well-known crossword

names: Elizabeth Long, Brendan Emmett Quigley and Patrick Blindauer... to name a few. The 100 puzzles are never-before published and I would say the difficulty lingers around the Wednesday-Thursday NYT mark, experiences may vary. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Spiraling through 100 years of fun By Jeffrey Daniels Ha! Fun times at the crosswords! This is a cute collection of crosswords that offers up a slice of history with each puzzle. I like themed puzzles best and if one helps me learn something more than just new words (a valuable prize, for sure), then so much the better. The puzzles themselves are probably somewhere between easy and medium for an aficionado, but you should enjoy the little tidbits from each "era" (basically ten-year increments in ten sections to get you the eponymous 100 years on the cover). I bought this with a collection of New York Times puzzles and I like to switch back and forth between them to shake up the pace of completion. The puzzles are of a nice size and readability. The spiral bound is clean and easy to turn (it does not get stuck like some spiral bounds I've known). You should be able to do this book in pen and enjoy the trips down memory lane (even if they might extend beyond your own memories)! - Warning: There are some puzzles that use the ridiculous requirement of whole words or symbols in a single box. It's a terrible and cheap way to complete a puzzle and take what should be a 5-star book down a full notch. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. I liked it although I never did completely understand the "100 years" bit By RBV Rating crossword puzzle books is tricky. My concept of good / hard may well differ from yours. I can almost always work my way through a Sunday sized puzzle from the New York Times or the like. So my opinion is that "100 Years, 100 Crosswords" contains a good collection of "snack sized" crossword puzzles. The puzzles aren't Sunday sized, and in most cases weren't all that difficult to solve, but they are well constructed and challenging. Just right for a quick puzzle fix without committing to a Sunday-sized amount of time or effort. However, I never really made sense out of the "100 Years" bit. Some of the historical puzzles did obviously come from a particular (bygone) era. And they were fun to do on that basis. But other puzzles that claimed to be from the 1950s or 60s seemed to include clues and references that were much more modern. This wasn't a problem the puzzles were generally worth doing but the dates on the margins of the puzzle pages never provided me with any useful information. Long story short, I found this to be a worthwhile collection of puzzles.

The first crossword puzzle appeared 100 years ago, and what better way to celebrate than with 100 puzzles from the nation's top constructors? Grouped by decade, the puzzles range from the sublime--Lindbergh's solo flight across the Atlantic--to the ridiculous--2004's Super Bowl "wardrobe malfunction." Aficionados of crosswords and of history alike will delight in this centenary collection of puzzles.

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