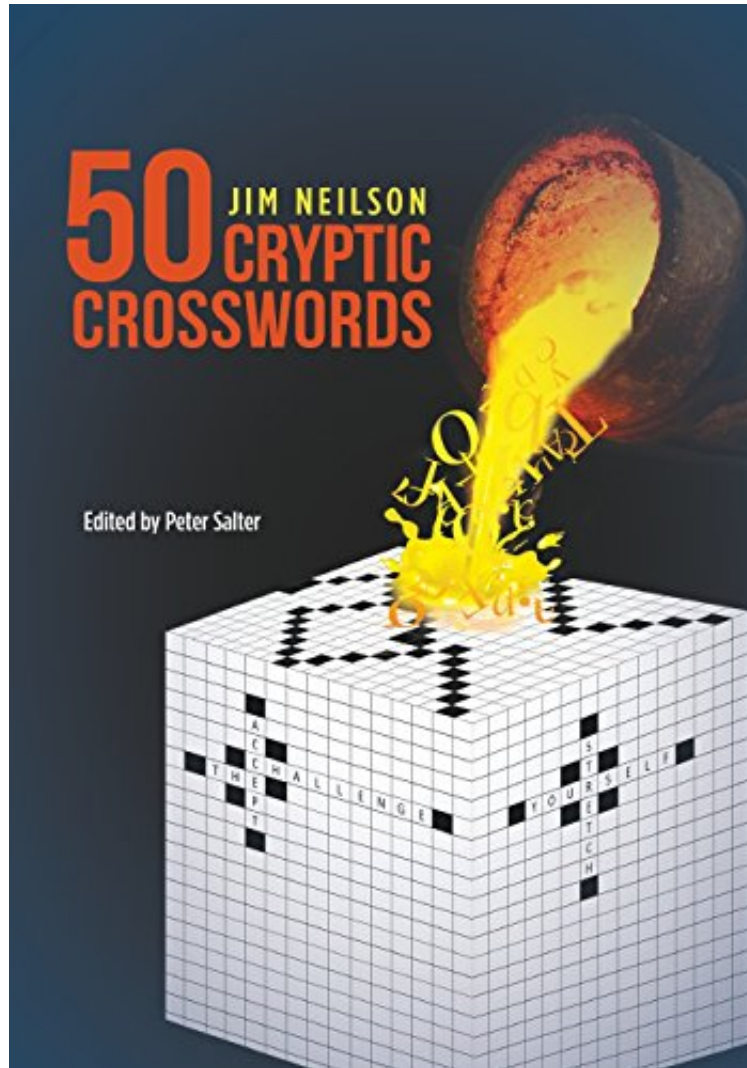


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Jim Nielson : 50 Cryptic Crossword before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised 50 Cryptic Crossword:

8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Clues are too vague, make no sense. By In my humble opinion I would give one star but maybe there are people out there who can make sense of these particular puzzles. Maybe you have to be Australian. I know they are cryptics, OK? We have been doing cryptics for years, and have worked though all the books by Henry Hook, Cox and Rathvon, et al, so we do know how these things work. Big problem is that the clues are, in many cases, just a blobs of words that make no semantic sense. Example, from early in the book - "Bluest round second view way the confused cry church home". This is not even close to being a sentence or misleadingly

meaningful phrase. SPOILER - the answer is "obscenest". I can see some of logic here - normal clue "Bluest" == "Obscenest", word play "round" = "o", "second" = "b", "view" = "scene" or maybe soundalike "seen", but the rest is just gobbledeegook to me. The clue itself is just not clever, it's just a blob of words. Too many of the clues in this book are like that. Part of the fun of cryptics is enjoying the wordplay. These clues are just not clever or satisfying. Also, the solutions do not explain the logic to the answer. Seems kind of lazy. We took a shot at a several of the puzzles in this collection, from all sections, and got a few words, but ultimately just decided it was not fun.

The book contains 50 all-original cryptic crosswords of varying difficulties. The book contains 15 medium puzzles, 15 medium-hard puzzles, 15 hard puzzles and 5 tough puzzles. Each one is challenging, but not too difficult. The compiler has attempted to develop his own style instead of imitating other compilers. He has also tried to develop innovative styles of clues that require the user to dig deep in order to solve the clues and come up with the correct answers. The crosswords are of highest quality and suitable for publication in the media. Quick clues to the crosswords are available in soft copy format by contacting the compiler at: jbncryptics@gmail.com