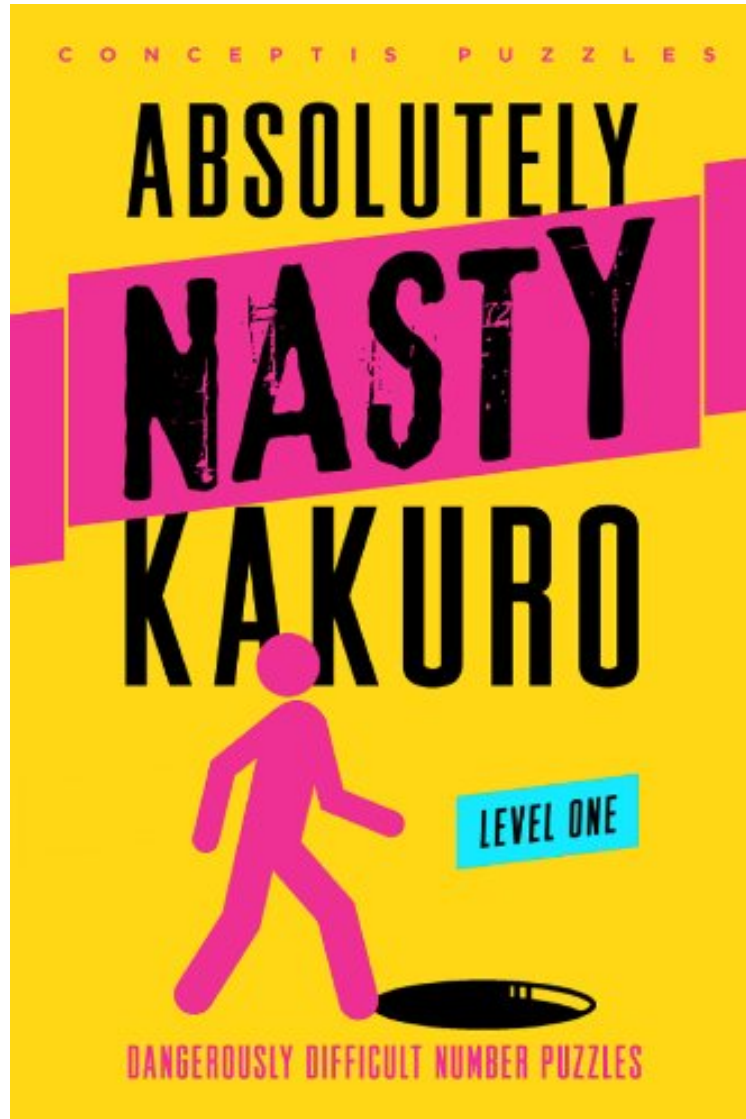


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Conceptis Puzzles : Absolutely Nasty Kakuro Level One (Absolutely Nasty Series) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Absolutely Nasty Kakuro Level One (Absolutely Nasty Series):

8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. I really like the spiral bindingBy IndoI just finished an old Kakuro book that I bought several years ago, and suddenly found again. The levels went from basic to "diabolical". As the puzzle difficulty increased, the squares got smaller and smaller, making it really difficult to write in the number possibilities in tiny, almost microscopic print in each square. That book was also done on "comic book" paper, which

was a huge bleed-through problem. If I used sharp, thin-lead pencils, erasures were a mess. I bought the first three levels of this series based on the reviews here, and just received them yesterday. I am extremely surprised at how well they are done. Kakuro, by the very nature of this logic puzzle genre, needs to have enough space in each square to write in the possible answers for that square, and erase or blot out the eliminated possibilities - hopefully, in not quite microscopic text. This series, definitely not made for beginners, has the paper quality that a Kakuro fan needs. The paper is bright, and slick and strong enough for erasures, and prevents bleed-through. The squares are a consistent, adequate size throughout the books. I really like the spiral binding, which allows for easy writing on each page, whether on the right or left side, with no worry of splitting the binding. With only one completely finished Kakuro puzzle book in my experience, I've found that the three that I just bought in this series are a huge jump above that old "comic book quality" type that I recently finished. That one had a few puzzles with non-exclusive puzzle solution areas. There were two alternate solutions that both worked. I hope I don't encounter that with these puzzles. Picking off "low hanging fruit" I'm half way through two of the puzzles in the first book - the first and the last one. I don't see any progressive difficulty difference from the first puzzle to the last one. I can see that these puzzles will provide a lot of "throne room" entertainment for a long time to come. For those that find Sudoku just too easy, these Kakuro books are just what is needed, especially for us senior citizens with enough "throne room" time available to complete puzzles in a day or two. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Sum-thing to do By Customer I love these puzzles and this format is excellent. The spiral design allows easy book bending so that you can work on one puzzle easily, the paper is substantial and a pleasure to work on. (I use ink) I've done the level two and level three and decided to go back to an easier level to give my brain a break. The level two were doable in an hour or two, while the level three could take 20 minutes to puzzle out one or two numbers, only to find yourself at another impasse. I did about half completely at the level three, and all of them to some degree. I'm working my way back through the partially completed ones. Level one is a good place to go when I'm tired of butting my head and only coming up with one sequence. You really do need to have all the unique combos memorized to get anywhere. 14 of 14 people found the following review helpful. challenging puzzles but not too tedious By Jim Glynn These puzzles were constructed at a good difficulty level. Some advanced kakuro is just too tedious to solve, because you're reduced to prolonged reductio ad absurdum, which is just no fun. This book avoids that but still provides a worthwhile challenge. You can finesse your way through some of them if you know to look for uniqueness arguments or the occasional hanger. The spiral binding is also very convenient. Highly recommended for kakuro kooks.

Level one but absolutely not for beginners! This is the beginning of fans' hard but satisfying solving journey.

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