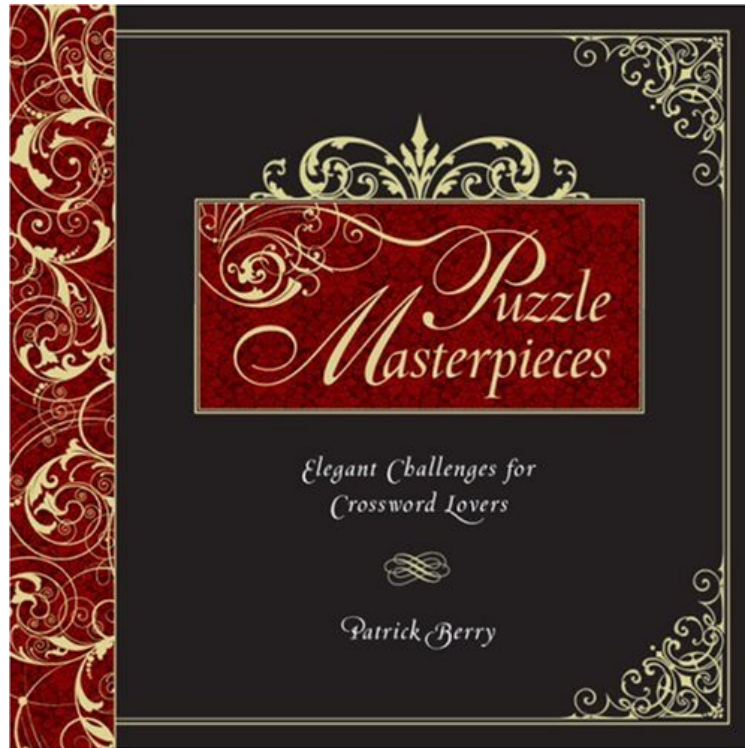


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About the Author Patrick Berry is a freelance puzzle constructor whose work has appeared in the Wall Street Journal, Harper's, The New Yorker and numerous other publications. He is also the editor of The Chronicle of Higher Education's weekly crossword.