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Peter Gordon : Sizzlingly Hard Fireball Crosswords: 45 Themeless Puzzles before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Sizzlingly Hard Fireball Crosswords: 45 Themeless Puzzles:

14 of 14 people found the following review helpful. Really challenging! By Chris Popp Whew! These crosswords are tough! If you're like me and you enjoy hard themeless (NY Times Friday and Saturday type) puzzles, this book is worth getting. Some of the puzzles, if not all, are real brain busters with tough, tough clues. The payoff is sometimes great: there's some terrific vocabulary and certain phrases you just wouldn't see in a newspaper. The puzzles can be frustrating at times, but stick with them. I had a hard time with the first several I tried. But once I got the wavelength of the book, I started really digging them. In fact, I did several of the book's puzzles after Hurricane Sandy when I was without power. They really helped me get through that experience. The other reviewer is right; there is a lot of sports and pop culture information. I enjoy that. And I do think you can solve the grids even if you don't know everything offhand. If you like hard puzzles, give this book a try! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Shazzi I love these hard crossword puzzle books. Spiral bound, big enough format, and takes longer to solve. Perfect. 1

of 1 people found the following review helpful. Lives Up To Its Title!By P. NickelsIf you want a SERIOUSLY hard-core puzzle book to make you think WAY outside the box, well welcome to this Fireball nugget! I thought I was rather adept at difficult puzzles; but this collection humiliated me! The clues are absolutely relevant (not a bunch of arcana), but are brilliant in retrospect when you solve them. Applause and awe!

Beware: these puzzles are so hard, they may scorch your brain! Of course, some people like to get burned once in a while, especially by brilliantly executed crosswords with devilishly difficult clues. If you enjoy the Friday and Saturday offerings from sources like the New York Times, you'll love these tricky crosswords, which come with explanations for the toughest clues along with the answer grids. Solve with a pen at your own risk!

These are daring, first-rate puzzles. They are fresh, smart, and contemporary, and they go places that newspaper puzzles don't, won't, or can't. Every serious crossword enthusiast I know is a Fireball subscriber. If you want to know what the cutting edge of crossword construction in America looks like, just open this book and start solving.-Michael Sharp, aka Rex Parker, author of the crossword blog Rex Parker Does the NYT Crossword PuzzleFireball puzzles are hot. If, like me, you're a crossword geek who needs something to keep yourself challenged Mondays through Thursdays, they're the perfect solution.-Daniel Okrent, former public editor of the New York Times and author of Last Call: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition