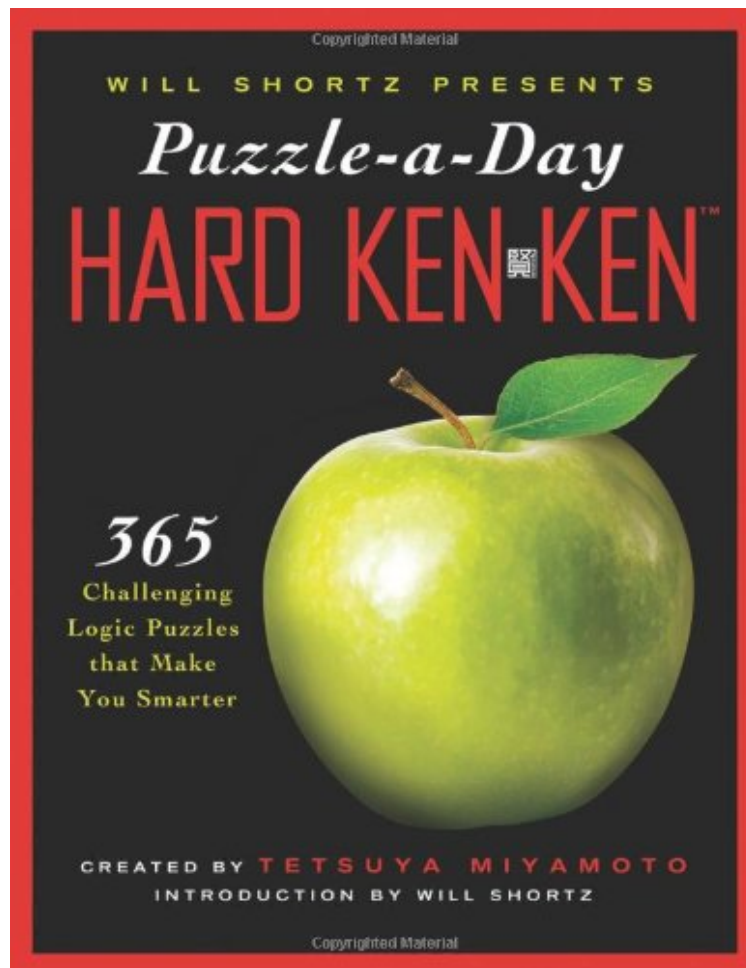


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Some unexpected twistsBy KezarCriticThis is a quirky collection, nicely bound on paper that bears up to multiple erasures.It consists of puzzles on 4x4, 5x5, 7x7 and 9x9 grids. It is nicely bound in a small format, each page about the size of those in one-a-day calendar pads. It contains many quite hard puzzles in the 7x7 and 9x9 sizes, though most of those are merely somewhat difficult. As might be expected the

4x4 and 5x5 puzzles are fairly easy. I found the memo-pad-size pages too small for me to solve the harder puzzles in this collection. I write annotations on the grid as an aid. There is not enough room to keep track in the more complex puzzles here. My technique with this kind of puzzle is to re-draw it as large as will fit on a sheet of letter-size paper. The expanded room that this provides in each cell increases my solving power by about a factor of ten admittedly a subjective assessment. For the very hardest puzzles I rely on a spreadsheet to aid in recognizing a variety of helpful clues. With this ultimate technique I have gone undefeated in solving Ken-Kens (with one exception, where after looking up the answer I realized later that I would have solved it with a bit more persistence). Having now solved all 365 puzzles in this book, I found a peculiarity in what I expected to be a pattern of increasing difficulty: it was highly inconsistent. Most of the hardest puzzles were in the 7x7 size, rather than the 9x9 size! There were 33 7x7 puzzles that required drawing a larger grid or using a spreadsheet. There were 13 such 9x9 puzzles proportionately a similar amount. Moreover, the hardest 7x7 puzzles were sprinkled randomly through the middle of the 7x7 collection rather than toward the end. The 7x7's range from #152 to #301. The hardest was #206. Strangely, this was by far the hardest in the entire book, harder than all the 9x9's. In fact it was one of the most difficult I have encountered in the thousands that I have solved. If you really love challenging Ken-kens buy this book. Just be aware of its quirky pattern of difficulty. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. good puzzles, convenient format By L'avventuratorear-out pages are a great idea puzzles progress in difficulty so your skill improves as you go only negative is it's heavy but you can take just a few with you 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Logic? By H4Brazil Wasn't quite what I anticipated. When I think of "logic" puzzles, I think more of word problems, but that might be my mistake. These are basically just sudoku with math.

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