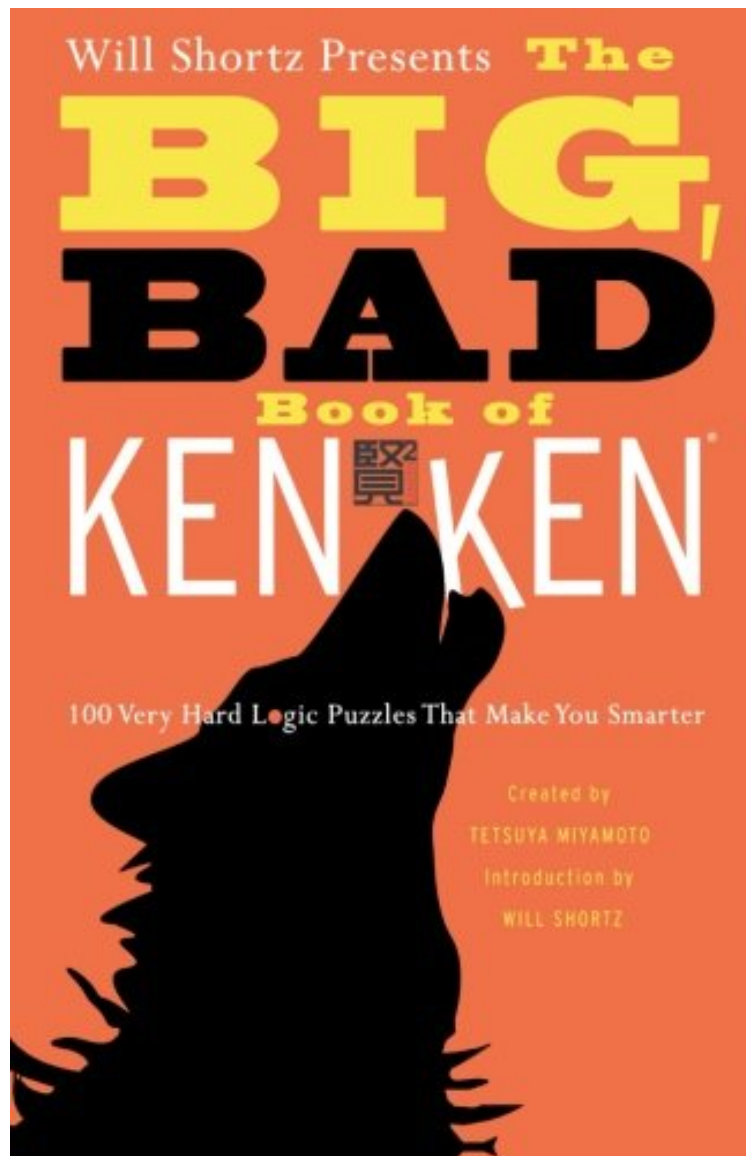


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4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Fun, with imperfections. By KezarCritic Big Bad KenKen is described on its cover as 100 "Very Hard" puzzles. Maybe that should be "pretty gosh-darned hard". There are no easy puzzles here, in particular no small-sized ones. Puzzles 1 through 25 are 6x6, puzzles 26 through 50 are 7x7. The remaining fifty puzzles are 9x9. All the puzzles have at least a modest degree of challenge. This is not the book for a beginner with normal puzzle-solving ability wanting to learn how to do KenKen. By far the best books for a novice are the meticulously graduated collections Ferocious KenKen and Ultimate KenKen Omnibus. As one would expect the meat of this book is in the 9x9's. The 9x9's begin with some nontrivial but not really hard puzzles. They increase in difficulty, soon reaching a long plateau of quite challenging puzzles, though not as hard as the final puzzles in Ferocious and Ultimate. In my opinion, there are only two puzzles in Big Bad that meet that high standard and truly merit the description "very" hard. They (numbers 72 and 73) leap out unexpectedly midway among the 9x9's, not toward the end. As noted by other reviewers, there are disappointments in this book. The blurb at says "...for the first time there will also be grids without application symbols." In fact, all the puzzles have symbols. Also, inside the book we are informed (after buying the book) that the puzzles have appeared in previous Will Shortz books. I wish the reviewer who found the two identical puzzles in this book would have said which ones they were, as I didn't notice them. On balance, this collection should be lots of fun for a solver who has reached a high level of skill at KenKen. I'm hoping for Will Shortz to present an even bigger and better book with very hard puzzles, and with more consistently distributed levels of difficulty.

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. KenKen For Champs By Tom Corwin I began doing the KenKen puzzles in the NY Times in February and, after a few months, as I got better and better at them, I began to wonder just how good a puzzle solver I had become. I bought this book to challenge myself. As with the KenKens in the Times (by the same author) these are arranged in order of difficulty from 6x6 to 9x9. I am working my way through the book in fits and starts (I'm in no hurry) and thus far no puzzle has stumped me for long. But, I'm sure I'll meet my Waterloo (or several) before I finish the book. If you want a stiff intellectual challenge, try this book on for size!

4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Challenging puzzles, but... By Richard K The puzzles in this collection go from moderate to very challenging (at least at my level of expertise.) I'm only about half-way done, but ones here require some different strategies than what I'm use to. It's all part of the learning process, though. The paper the book is printed on is pretty inexpensive. That makes repetitive erasures (needed for my style of note taking) a bit of a problem.

Puzzle fans have fallen for KenKen and now crave more challenging puzzles. The puzzles in this edition range in size from 6x6 grids to 9x9 grids and for the first time there will also be grids without application symbols. It's the ultimate KenKen challenge! This edition will also include "How to Solve" instructions and an introduction by puzzlemaster Will Shortz. Includes: *100 very challenging KenKen puzzles* Puzzles range in size from 6x6 grids to mind-bending 9x9 grids* Introduction and solving instructions by puzzlemaster Will Shortz