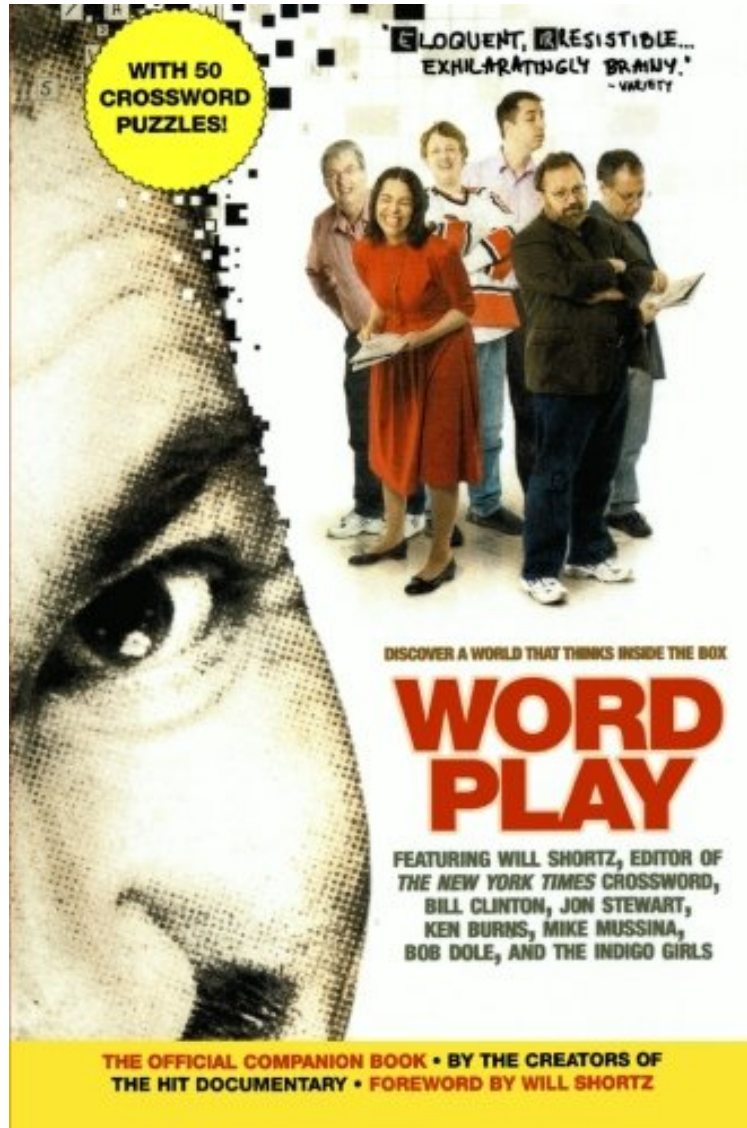


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38 of 40 people found the following review helpful. Delightful, intelligent, curiosity-satisfying By Daniel P. Smith What an enjoyable book! It is so intelligently done, and provides so many satisfying answers for this curious reader. It is not a book version of the movie, nor is it an advertisement for the movie. It is truly _complimentary to_ the

movie. Everything in the book should be interesting to anyone who would be interested in the movie, and vice versa, but there is practically no overlap. It is almost as if the filmmakers gathered and organized the material that they thought would be interesting to people who like crossword puzzles, and sorted it out into two piles, one labelled "cinematic" and one labelled "literary" (or "cruciverbal?"), and made the movie using the material in one pile and the book using the material in the other. It illustrates the different editing styles by showing puzzles edited by Margaret Farrar, Will Weng, Eugene Maleska, and Will Shortz. It illustrates the ascending difficulty level by giving New York Times puzzles from Monday through Sunday. (I'm not a puzzle fanatic, I'd always assumed the Sunday puzzle was the hardest.) It gives a number of examples of some puzzles that champion solvers and enthusiasts considered their favorites. And I like them, too. In a way this book is a "best crossword puzzles"--as chosen by the people you saw in the movie. It also gives you a chance to solve the puzzles that flashed by in the movie, including the "Wordplay" puzzle itself, and the puzzles that Ellen Ripstein solved to win the championship. It gives information on how people construct puzzles, and what the rules for a properly constructed puzzle are considered to be. It gives directions for submitting puzzles to the Times--even telling us that the Times pays \$135 for a daily puzzle, and \$700 for a Sunday puzzle. I think that anyone who enjoys crosswords would enjoy this book regardless of whether or not they had not seen the movie, although of course the book makes you want to see the movie (and vice versa).

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great companion book! By WILady If you're a fan of the movie Wordplay, you'll love this book! It includes all of the crossword puzzles featured in the movie, plus more. Excellent companion piece to the movie, and great for anyone who enjoys clever crossword puzzles. 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great Book For Crossword Puzzlers By Ron Nussle Even though this book shares the title and alludes to the movie "Wordplay", there is little connection to it. I say that because I watched the DVD with several friends who weren't crossword puzzlers and they found it interesting and highly amusing. This book is definitely would only be of interest to someone such as myself who is an avid puzzler. The only negative I have about the book is a personal quirk of mine - I hate writing in books and since there are some excellent crosswords in it I reluctantly overcame my aversion. Until I wrote the previous sentence I've never analyzed why I have this "problem". I realized that it goes back to high school and college. If I got a used book that had underlining I would have a meltdown because more often than not the underlined passages are not the ones I would have underlined. And then in college the bookstore would give me less for a marked up book. Bottom line - a great book for lovers of crosswords.

Think Inside the Box! Solve Puzzles from the Hit Movie, Learn to Construct Your Own Crosswords, and Much More" Irresistible... punsters, linguists, and crossword puzzle fanatics everywhere couldn't ask for a more bracing tribute.... Buoyant and exhilaratingly brainy." ---Variety on the movie Wordplay Are you a crossword fan? Or have you always wondered about the appeal of these puzzles but never tried them yourself? With the premiere of Wordplay, a documentary about crossword puzzles, legendary New York Times puzzle editor Will Shortz, and the legions of solvers who devour his creations, here's your chance to become a part of the puzzle craze! Featuring some of the greatest puzzles from The New York Times and the American Crossword Puzzle Tournament With an introduction by Will Shortz; the story of how he created the famous "Wordplay" crossword from constructor Merl Reagle; the inside crossword dope from Jon Stewart, Ken Burns, and others; and the inside story of the movie's creation from producer Christine O'Malley and director Patrick Creadon Learn how to create your own crossword; read what Bill Clinton and Bob Dole thought of the famous 1996 "Election Day" crossword; try the only New York Times crossword that can't be solved completely with a regular pen or pencil (hint: it features the Indigo Girls), and much more!" Wordplay [has] potential to capture the commercial audience that made hits out of documentaries such as Spellbound and Mad Hot Ballroom." ---Associated Press

About the Author Will Shortz has been the crossword puzzle editor of The New York Times since 1993. He is also the puzzlemaster on NPR's Weekend Edition Sunday and is founder and director of the annual American Crossword Puzzle Tournament. He has edited countless books of crossword puzzles, Sudoku, KenKen, and all manner of brain-busters.