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Over a period of 25 years as author of the Mathematical Games column for *Scientific American*, Martin Gardner devoted a column every six months or so to short math problems or puzzles. He was especially careful to present new and unfamiliar puzzles that had not been included in such classic collections as those by Sam Loyd and Henry Dudeney. Later, these puzzles were published in book collections, incorporating reader feedback on alternate solutions or interesting generalizations.

The present volume contains a rich selection of 70 of the best of these brain teasers, in some cases including references to new developments related to the puzzle. Now enthusiasts can challenge their solving skills and rattle their egos with such stimulating mind-benders as The Returning Explorer, The Mutilated Chessboard, Scrambled Box Tops, The Fork in the Road, Bronx vs. Brooklyn, Touching Cigarettes, and 64 other problems involving logic and basic math. Solutions are included.

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King Ævil says

Many of the conundrums in this collection also appear in Dr. Gardner's Aha. Of the puzzles I hadn't seen, I was able to solve a few in my head, and a fair number were straightforward with pencil and paper. Many, however, require a profound insight of the "wouldn't get that in a million years" variety—one that I didn't feel at all ashamed for not finding. (Disclaimer: I have a BA in math and am a statistician by trade.)

Regardless of the difficulty, the puzzles in this book are fair tests of intellect for anyone with a good grasp of algebra and geometry. There are no cheap shots that require an unreasonable, universe-spanning leap of logic like you find in some "mindbender" puzzle collections. You know, the kind that expect you to postulate the existence of a hedgehog wearing a leather skirt at the side of the road, or something even less likely, and then make you feel stupid when you give up in disgust. Those aren't puzzles—they're mind-reading exercises. I *hate* that shit.

Scott says

These were considerably more advanced than some other Dover collections of Gardner's puzzles - in fact, most of them would require fairly advanced math skills. While I enjoyed the solutions, for the vast majority I didn't have a prayer of solving them on my own.

Nicole says

I registered a book at BookCrossing.com!
<http://www.BookCrossing.com/journal/13497521>

Lynn says

Just something I like to do in my spare time.

Suraj Kumar says

so amazing puzzles. :)
happy to solve them.

Bryan says

I love to puzzle through these types of books. I got this one for Christmas. There are quite a few fun puzzles in there.

Nancy Hawk says

Entertaining. Helps keep the gray matter fresh,

With out the past there is no future to look forward too. Studying these things are fun. Tired of writing now.

Ben says

A solid puzzle book.

Tony Anuci says

This book became my go to time filler during downtime at my job. I loved it! Great way to keep your mind sharp and have fun while doing so.

Rejeev Divakaran says

Very good logic puzzles.

Shayne says

Small collection, but fun.

Vickie says

The problem with this, of course, is that it's a translation of words that are meant to be puzzling. As a result, many are not written in such a way that the parameters of the problems are clear. Some assumptions have to be made to proceed with solving.

Riju Ganguly says

The only reason behind me dropping a star from the rating has to do with the difficult nature of several problems. Logic puzzles as well as mathematical games are interesting as long as attempting them involves fun and mental alacrity. Unfortunately, several problems described in this book were so rigorous that pen & paper (and occasional glance towards the tomes in the bookshelf) became essential. For grown ups who have some time to indulge themselves and who might like to remove some of the rust from the cerebral areas, this book is enjoyable. But if you harbour hopes about getting your rebellious child-prodigy attracted towards mathematics & logic through this book, then you would be disappointed.
