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Sudoku Variants

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Synopsis
Everyone knows sudoku is enjoyable—but these addictive puzzles come in endless variations too! They range from simple to very difficult, and can take almost no time to finish—or require many hours. This entertaining collection showcases a wide range of possibilities, offering solvers who have become accustomed to the standard rules and grids an exciting new challenge. Select from Mega Sudokus that provide a real workout; Diagonals or Odd and Even versions with extra constraints; Sum Sudokus that merge with kakuro; and Multisudoku with overlapping puzzles. There’s something for every level; 12 x 12 puzzles, ones with irregularly shaped areas, even Mini Sudoku; and lots of fun for everyone.

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Customer Reviews
I love this book. Got tired for the 9x9 boxes long ago. There’s enough variety to make sure you never get bored. Most of these puzzles are not for the beginner so make sure you can handle the advanced 9x9’s before working these.

This book has a number of different variations on Sudoku. One type, Sum Sudoku, requires a little math. The remainder are purely logic puzzles, same as standard Sudoku. I found the ‘irregular Sudoku’ particularly challenging the 1st time I tried it (which was not in this book). The book gives various difficulty levels so you can work up your skills at each type of variation. I’m glad I picked it up, & plan to get it as a gift for another Sudoku fan.
I saw this book in a store while I was on vacation and picked it up on a whim. It turned out to be one of my favorite Sudoku books. The difficulty ranges from somewhat easy to fairly difficult, but it's the variety that really makes it. I kept plugging away and eventually did every puzzle in the book. It was quite engaging and great fun. Highly recommended.

**Book Contents**

2-page Introduction that gives a brief explanation of the variants

- Mega Sudoku - 4 12x12 puzzles
- Irregular Sudoku - 15 6x6 puzzles, 30 9x9 puzzles, 6 12x12 puzzles
- Odd Sudoku - 12 9x9 puzzles
- Even Sudoku - 12 9x9 puzzles
- Diagonal Sudoku - 24 9x9 puzzles
- Diagonal Odd Sudoku - 4 9x9 puzzles
- Diagonal Even Sudoku - 4 9x9 puzzles
- Sum Sudoku (My favorite) - 28 9x9 puzzles
- Multi-Sudoku (all overlapping at one corner) - 4 puzzles of 2 9x9s overlapping at one corner
- 3 puzzles of 2 9x9s overlapping two nonets
- 3 puzzles of 2 9x9s overlapping four nonets
- 3 puzzles of 2 9x9s overlapping at corners
- 3 puzzles of 3 9x9s overlapping two nonets
- 3 puzzles of 3 9x9s overlapping four nonets
- 4 puzzles of 2 9x9s - one is irregular, one is diagonal
- 2 puzzles of 2 9x9s, both diagonal
- 2 puzzles of 2 9x9s, both irregular
- 1 puzzle of 2 9x9s - one is diagonal, one is odd
- 1 puzzle of 2 9x9s - one is diagonal, one is even
- 2 puzzles of 2 9x9s - one is even, one is odd

Answers

Some of the puzzles are easy and some are harder. It was a nice guide for trying different styles of Sudoku, and it was nice to try variations without having to buy a whole book of one style. This book is not for a beginner but it may be too easy for an experienced player.

Even though this book is thick with chock full of sudoku I wish there were more puzzles. There are so many variations but only a few puzzles of each kind. Just as you are getting into solving one variant you run out. I like to say something about the color. I have seen similar types of some of sudoku puzzles in other books without the coloring. Comparing the two the color just seems to enhance the solving experience. It helps you keep track and makes the whole thing more interesting. (There are also puzzle variations which would be impossible without color.) I going to keep this book in mind for a gift for other sudoku lovers. More sudoku books of this type just have to be published!!!

Conceptis does the best job with Sudoku variants. 169 different puzzles in about a half dozen different variants from easy to challenging. Lots of fun, and printed on good paper so easy to erase your “guesses”.

These are hard puzzles whose concepts are easy to understand and mind-boggling to accomplish. I
bought two, one for me and one for my Dad who lives across country. We are going to take turns timing ourselves and trading scores. Good buy.

This is the best Sudoku book ever. It has a great variety of puzzles so you can see what kind you like. It never gets boring!

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