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Hooked On Cryptograms
Synopsis

James Joyce said that about his Ulysses, but it's true for this fun collection, too! Filled with more than 350 encoded, witty quotes from some rather famous folks, Hooked on Cryptograms will have solvers addicted. Decipher the code to get treats from Woody Allen, George Burns, Groucho Marx, Mark Twain, Stephen Colbert, and more.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

I have been solving cryptograms for 10 years and this the best best book I have ever had. The letters are well spaced, so there's plenty of room for writing the answers. The quotes and sayings are up to date and best of all, it has a spiral binding! I would highly recommend this book to all cryptogram solvers.

The puzzles are from well-known celebrities/politicians/philosophers, as well as some common sayings. Some cryptogram books have really odd puzzles, but I haven't found that with this one. Plenty of space to write for me. There are hint pages in the back, hints #1 and 2 on different pages. This is nice as you only see the hint if you need it. Good cryptogram books are hard to find - I would recommend this one.

So far this one, and Cryptograms on the Flip Side, are the two best books I've found on
cryptograms. My criteria is that they must have big letters, with enough room to write above the letters for solving the puzzle. I also like room on the side to keep track of the letters. This book has the hints and answers in the back of the book, but I was able to easily rip out the hint pages to make them more accessible when I needed a hint. It’s cover bends back around, so it’s easy to hold. I really loved this book, and was sad when it was all done. Hopefully the author will make more.

Great book, better than ones I have had in the past. The letters are spaced just right and if you’re stuck, you can get a first clue then a second clue to help! I would recommend it!

I am only commenting on the physical layout of the book since I just received it and have yet to actually work one of the cryptograms. Although the book is spiral bound they have positioned the spiral so that the left side of the book will not lay flat on the table; nor can you fold the book in half. Also no line separates the three or so cryptograms per page. The space to actually work the puzzles seems adequate, however it is not as generous as that in, Cryptograms to Keep You Sharp, which also separates each puzzle with a line, and whose spiral binding actually enables both sides of the book to lay flat and for you to be able to fold the book in half. I love how Cryptograms to Keep You Sharp is layed out. It’s perfect. This may be good, but it’s not perfect.

This is one of those books that would give you a migraine that would shame the mother of all migraines!!!! And we LOVED it =\My daughter loves word plays and mysteries. We had never divulged in cryptograms except in Jason-Bourn-types thrillers. I had never purchased such books earlier so I just totally went with the reviews. This is one awesome book!!! It is on difficult side for me and my 12 yr. old, but we are getting a hang of how to solve (for now we are cheating and looking at hints and answers on the back â€“ I give my daughter the hints ;-P )We are totally enjoying this book. The spiral binding is high quality. The font size is good, Ample space to write solutions. This will make a very beautiful and engaging present for people of all ages interested in puzzles!

This has been one of my favorite cryptogram books to date, and I was disappointed when I ran out of puzzles. There’s plenty of space either above or below the encrypted letters to write in the solution, which is a pleasant change from some of the other books I’ve used. There’s also wide margins and lots of white space. The quotes are all interesting and from famous people â€“ actors, politicians, comedians, and literary legends. There are two sets of hints for each puzzle in the back of the book. They’re on separate pages so you can peek at the first hint without
accidentally seeing the second one. And I just love the spiral binding! This is definitely one that I recommend.

The book itself is nice. I like good strong paper when I’m doing any type of puzzle with a pencil (I write hard, and when I have to erase something, I like the paper to survive the erasure), and this book has good strong paper. I also like the spiral binding so you can bend it back easily. Also, I like the help hints in the back - you can get a letter hint in the back, so when you look up the puzzle number, it just gives you one letter. And there are two separate lists, so you can get up to 2 individual letter hints. I’ve only used them a couple of times, and they usually don’t help a whole lot - it’s usually an unusual letter that only has one or two in the puzzle, but sometimes that’s all you need. I wouldn’t want it to give me TOO much help anyway. And of course they have the full answers in the back, too, but it’s hard to look at those and only get a single letter hint - you inevitably see an entire word (at least), so I like the hints. The quotes are a little goofy, but not so bad.

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