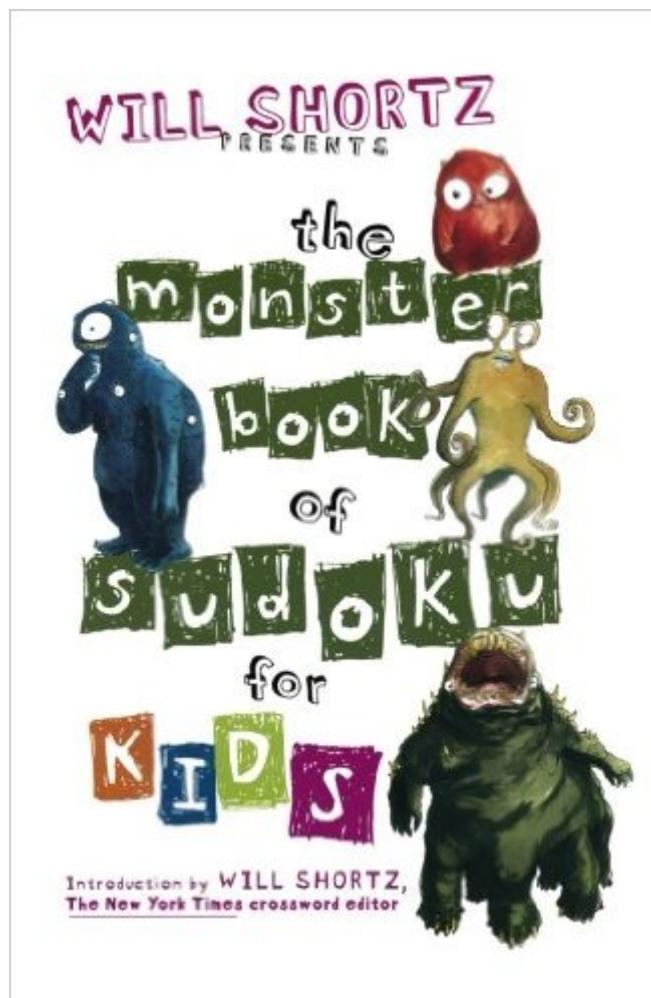


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# Will Shortz Presents The Monster Book Of Sudoku For Kids: 150 Fun Puzzles



## **Synopsis**

Sudoku has taken America by storm! Now kids can enjoy the puzzle that keeps their parents' minds racing and pencils sharpened. This edition, designed for children 8 and up, begins with a sudoku lesson from Will Shortz and very easy 4 x 4 grids to warm up. Then young solvers advance to more challenging 6 x 6 grids and finally tradition 9 x 9 sudoku puzzles. Features:Â 150 all-new sudoku puzzlesÂ Four difficulty levels including smaller "kid grids" Â Fun commentary and illustrationsÂ Edited by legendary New York Times crossword editor Will ShortzÂ Big grids with lots of space for easy solving

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 4 - 7

## **Customer Reviews**

This is a great book on Sudoku for kids. The book includes 150 puzzles. The puzzles are of various sizes: 4x4, 6x6, and 9x9. The solutions are at the end of the book. There are four levels of difficulty for the puzzles. The first four pages in this book are dedicated for strategy, hints, rules, or tips. All the puzzles in the book are Classic Sudoku (with numbers). There are no Alphabet Sudoku (with letters) or Symbol Sudoku (with shapes and symbols) like the two books "Kindergarten Sudoku" and "Super Sudoku for Kids".

I bought this for my 6yo who'd been watching me do Sudoku. He started on the 4x4 problems and was knocking them out in a couple of minutes each. He worked straight through for about an hour and made it through 35 getting to 'Level 2', 6x6 puzzles. These also started easy, but got more challenging. By the time he was almost at Level 3, 9x9 puzzles, the 6x6 had gotten as hard as 6x6's can get and were taking him ~10 minutes each. Now when he started the 9x9's he didn't get frustrated that they took longer, and he knew that as long as he didn't give up he'd get the answers. Frankly, I can't imagine how any book could have done a better job of teaching him Sudoku, such that he is confident with full size puzzles!

I bought this book for my 5 year old son, who was always looking over my shoulder with interest when I was doing my own sudoku puzzles. He was so interested, but I didn't think there were puzzles geared towards children - but this fits the bill perfectly. It starts off with easy puzzles and because they are, it gives them confidence that they can do them. He whizzed through the book and in no time was filling in the squares before I could even ask him what he thought the correct number would be. This definitely sharpens their minds and if your child loves numbers, they'll enjoy this.

I purchased this book for my 10-year old daughter, whose only real experience with puzzles was word searches. So basically, she had no experience with puzzles. She found the introduction/instructional section very helpful to lay out the basics of Sudoku in a far more elegant/eloquent way than I was able to do -- but that should not be a surprise as Will Shortz could be the most elegant/eloquent puzzlemaker we have today. Perhaps my only (small) complaint is that the second half of the puzzles take a big step-function up in level of challenge, but to Shortz' (and my daughter's) credit, she is sticking with it pretty well. Hopefully this will be the start of a long friendship between my daughter and puzzles -- kenken is next!

My 11 year old was wanting me to teach her Sudoku but some of mine were a bit challenging. We quickly tired of downloading puzzles online and purchased this book for long flights and car trips. The different levels are great with the easy ones giving her confidence to tackle the harder ones.

I ordered this for something for my just completed 5th grader to do this summer. I would say it is challenging for someone at that age - not too hard, but not too easy, and I highly recommend this compilation of puzzles. Games like these are great as it gets them thinking vs. the stereotypical

playing video games and watching TV.

My 9 year old niece is spending a lot of down time at the hospital with her sister, who is sick. She loves math, so I got her this book. She loves it. It starts with 1-4, as easy puzzles then 1-6 as intermediate, and works them up to 1-9 puzzles. She loves it. In fact, I am buying her the other Will Shortz book for kids.

I bought this to use with my fourth grade class, and the levels of difficulty are great. I wish the cute monsters had more illustrations throughout. I also wish it were a full size book instead of pocket sized.

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