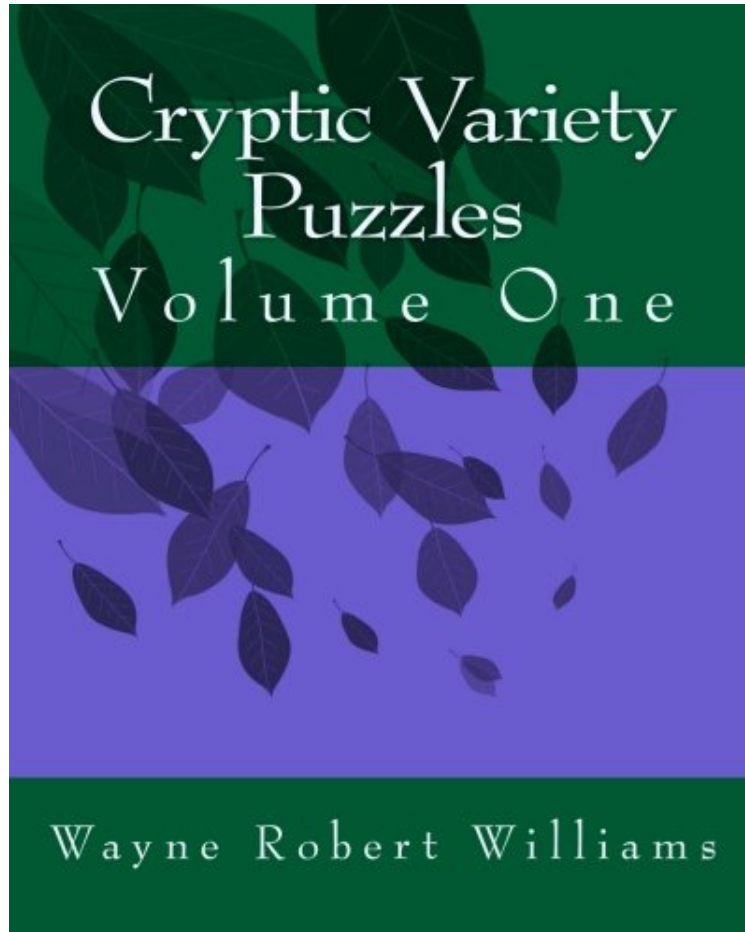


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Wayne Robert Williams : Cryptic Variety Puzzles Volume 1 before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Cryptic Variety Puzzles Volume 1:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Not the best around, but I'm not sorry I bought it.By yanogatorI have finished three of the four volumes I bought, being starved for cryptics, and I wish Mr. Williams would slow down on producing them so as to increase their quality. I was hoping that they would improve as I moved through the volumes, but they didn't. He relies almost exclusively on hidden-word and anagram clues, which are boring for experienced solvers. Mr. Williams also needs to use an editor, so the mistakes don't end up in the published works. I found one diagramless puzzle had a grid that was too small, which made it very difficult to try to figure out how the answers fit into the grid. One of the ring-shaped puzzles had the clues out of order, which seemed to be unintentional, since there was no warning about it in the instructions. There are occasional wrong answers, too, but, fortunately, very few of those.Occasionally, the surface reading of a clue won't make any sense, which an editor could also help with, but that's a minor point, since it's really a cosmetic matter with cryptic clues.All in all, I'm not sorry I bought these four books,

but I probably won't buy any more of Mr. Williams's books unless I read in the reviews that his construction style has improved. Beginners can probably enjoy these as training grounds, but experienced solvers should probably look elsewhere for their fix. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. More cryptics is always good, but... By Eric J. KlisFirst, let me say that more cryptics are good! I'm very happy to see more books on cryptics out there, particularly of the "variety" variety. I will say that a lot of these fall into the "easy" category as far as cryptics go (of course, some may argue that an "easy cryptic" is difficult enough). But for seasoned cryptics solvers, you'll find an over-reliance on "hidden word" clues. One or two in a puzzle can be welcome (and difficult if you're not looking for them) but here they're almost annoyingly prevalent. Anagram clues are also very frequent (maybe too much so). Newer solvers will welcome this as hidden words and anagrams tend to be a good toe-hold in the grid and easy to parse, but for veteran solvers, you'll get through them pretty quickly. To summarize... for beginning cryptic solvers, a good intro. For veterans, they'll tide you over until more difficult fare comes along. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Excellent puzzles for the novice solver By KayAn experienced solver would find these puzzles straightforward and relatively easy, possibly solving some in ten minutes or so. This is mainly due to the over-reliance on anagrams and hidden words. However, a less experienced solver would welcome this as it allows you to get a toe-hold in the grid. I found the clues followed the cryptic 'rules' closely and appeared to be constructed to give the inexperienced solver pleasure, rather than a vehicle for the setter to show how clever or obtuse he can be. The variety in the grids was also fairly limited - labyrinths, jigsaws, acrostics, two-way word rings - no answer or clue manipulations, no themed entries, etc. There are a few errors in the book but not enough to spoil your enjoyment. Answers are at the rear with the standard cryptic key. Happy solving

50 Cryptic Variety Puzzles including Labyrinths, Jigsaws, Alphabetical, Diagramless, and more.