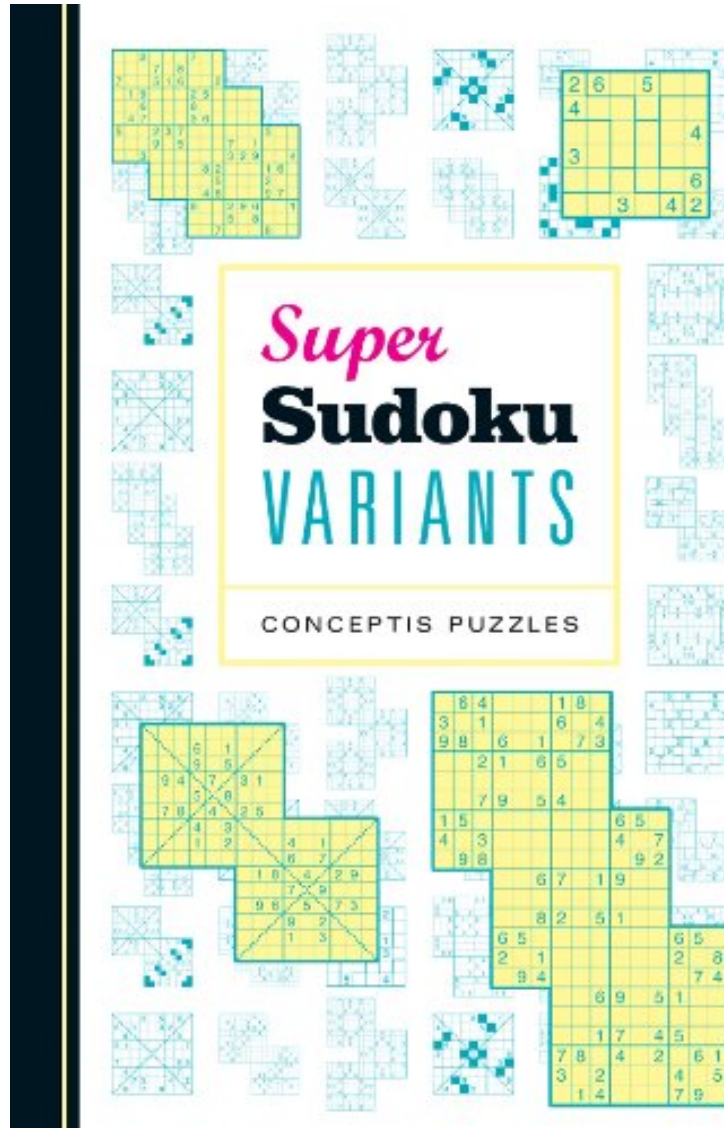


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Conceptis Puzzles : Super Sudoku Variants before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Super Sudoku Variants:

8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Mind bending alternatives for SudokuBy Mr AxolotlWhen the Sudoku craze first took off, I followed along and played it often, but I soon got tired of it, even the hard ones didn't hold my interest. This collection is the second in a series of two (so far, maybe they will publish more volumes?) The "variants" here are: Mega: where the grid is 12x12 using numbers 1-12; Irregular: instead of squares the puzzles

contain irregularly shaped areas (there are some variation within this type); Odd and Even: some squares are shaded and must be filled by either an odd or even number depending on which game you are playing; Diagonal: like regular except diagonals must also contain digits 1-9, Diagonal Odd and Diagonal Even; combinations of Diagonal with Odd or Even thrown in too; Killer: No numbers are given, areas surrounded by dotted lines where the additive of the numbers contained within is shown, Multi-Sudoku: which has many variations of overlapping Sudoku grids, these can be very challenging. I enjoyed the first book of the series a little more than I did this volume but I'm not sure why, maybe the novelty has worn off a little but I also think these puzzles are not quite as interesting or challenging as the ones in the first volume. However I still recommend both collections. For anyone looking for an interesting twist on the traditional Sudoku puzzle, check out both volumes of this collection.

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Terrific Sudoku Variations By Thomas Baldwin I own both the books by Conceptis Puzzles (Sudoku Variants [SV] and Super Sudoku Variants [SSV]) and enjoyed both of them immensely. The traditional sudoku puzzle is, of course, a 9 by 9 grid. This book gives you a number of interesting variations (variants) on the traditional design. All but one section are non-mathematical where numbers are just place-keepers, like the traditional puzzle. Each variation adds one or more additional "problem" to the puzzle. For example, diagonal sudoku requires that you find the correct placement of the 9 digits in each rank, file and square, but also in two diagonals that form a giant X over the puzzle. This doesn't make the puzzle more difficult: it just makes you look for more clues in an atypical way. Among the other variants are irregular (aka jigsaw or random), large (12 digits), even and odd (shaded boxes represent either even or odd numbers), and multiple (2 or more overlapping, sometimes called samurai or flower puzzles). Then there are multi puzzles that combine elements of the aforementioned variants so an irregular puzzle may overlap an even puzzle. In terms of difficulty, I would say these are in the difficult to very difficult range as defined by the Will Shortz books. They are not in the extremely difficult range, but they are tricky. So don't attempt these puzzles unless you are a regular sudoku player whose skill exceeds newspaper-level puzzles. As for the arithmetic puzzles, since I have no experience in math-based puzzles, I found them impossible. The writers claim they are similar to Kakuro, whatever that is. The titles, SV and SSV, are misleading: the two books by Conceptis are identical in format and difficulty (although another reviewer seemed to find the SSV puzzles less challenging than SV). In other words, There is nothing "super" or superior about this book over SV. It could just as well have been called Sudoku Variants Number 2. I found these puzzles very entertaining and worth doing again. I will probably buy each of these books again at least once more.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. LOVED IT! By S.A.Noonan Wow - worth the money - good challenges for an accomplished Sudoku player... Took me forever to finish this book (because I kept it in the bathroom) LOVED IT!

Every day, tens of millions of sudoku fans get out their pencils and attack the latest 9x9 puzzle in their daily newspaper. But a huge percentage of those fans are starting to feel they've mastered standard sudoku and are hungry for tougher challenges. Well, here they are: sudoku on overlapping grids, sudoku with unusually shaped areas instead of 3x3 squares, sudoku with special rules, and even extra-large sudoku for an extra-fun solving experience. Thanks to Conceptis Ltd., the world's leading supplier of puzzles to newspapers and magazines, sudokus horizons have just opened up beyond the wildest dreams of its most devoted solvers.