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# Simon & Schuster Mega Crossword Puzzle Book #4 (Simon & Schuster Mega Crossword Puzzle Books)





## Synopsis

Across or Down, the Best Crosswords Around! With 300 Brand-new Puzzles to Solve In 1924, Simon & Schuster published its first title, The Cross Word Puzzle Book. Not only was it the publisher's first release -- it was the first collection of crossword puzzles ever printed. Today, more than eighty years later, the legendary Simon & Schuster Crossword Puzzle Book series maintains its status as the standard-bearer for cruciverbal excellence. This series continues to provide the most challenging, fresh, and original puzzles on the market. Created by the best contemporary constructors -- and edited by top puzzle master John M. Samson -- these Thursday to Sunday-size brain breakers offer hours of stimulation for solvers of every level. With hundreds of puzzles in one volume, the Simon & Schuster Crossword Puzzle Book will test the knowledge of solvers everywhere. Can you avoid turning to the answer key? Sharpen your pencils, grit your teeth, and find out!

### **Book Information**

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#### **Customer Reviews**

Convenient tear-out pages, paper quality decent -- doesn't suck the ink out of your pen, at any rate, and puzzles demanding enough thought to keep you mildly amused while having breakfast in a favorite easy chair. However, many of the clues and respective answers are repetitive, and, far worse -- leading to my rating of only three stars -- many will "force" you to write in answers that are unquestionably wrong. An example from this book, number 4: clue = "Ovine Muppet"; answer =

PIGGY. Definition of ovine from dictionary.com: Of, relating to, or characteristic of sheep; sheeplike.Another of these aggravating clues, from another of the S&S Mega series, is "Flutes and clarinets"; answer = REEDS. A flute is not a reed instrument! (No, the answer was not "winds", which would have fit and been correct by definition.) I encountered that mistake twice; (As I said, these clues/answers were repetitive.)Yes, I'll probably order more in the series -- after all, the price is usually right and they contain many more puzzles than most series -- but a much more satisfying series is the Leslie Billig one (q.v.), at least for anyone who doesn't consume crossword puzzles like popcorn.Are the errors due to lack of decent editing? I have heard that some publishing houses will deliberately seed the copy with errors in order to catch copyright violators. Whether this is the explanation for the errors in the S&S Mega books or not, I find them disheartening. Could it be that two crossword puzzle constructors don't know that a flute is not a reed instrument? My daughter is a reservationist for a transportation company and reports at least once a week on a patron who didn't know AM from PM or domestic from international...

I really enjoy this entire series, and highly recommend it.. I suppose everybody who enjoys crosswords needs to find ones that are at the right level of difficulty for them, personally. These seem to be right for me: some are very hard, but not impossible. I like the fact that you can spend as much time as you like on a puzzle, and then decide when you've had enough. You can then decide how much you want to "cheat". Sometimes just looking at a small part of the solution is enough to help you finish the puzzle. I also think that many of the themed puzzles in this series are very clever. This series does have a lot of themed puzzles, so if that's not your style, this might not be the right series for you. I really enjoy the clever themes, and I also enjoy the many "punny" clues throughout the series. They can be extremely clever, too, and when you figure them out, there's not only a great sense of satisfaction, but also the pleasure of understanding the joke!

great selection of puzzles. They are an assortment of medium to more challenging in difficulty level. Very pleased withthis purchase and will buy future crossword puzzle books from this publisher.

I'm quite happy with the puzzles I've worked so far; the clues range from easy for an experienced solver, to downright tough, all in the same puzzle.My only complaint would be with the format of the pages, which is why I only awarded four stars. When working a puzzle on a left-hand page, folding the preceding pages over results in not being able to see or print easily in the right side blocks of the puzzle, as the puzzle grid is printed close to the binding on those pages. Although the pages are

perforated so they can be torn out, I don't like to do that.

I bought this for my husband who loves crosswords. He rated this book as 5 stars, the puzzles challenging, but not impossible. A really great book of puzzles he said.

This series of crossword books are great, enjoyable and quite challenging. There are approximately 200 crosswords in the book, so it can last for awhile depending on how fast you are able to complete the puzzles. One of these books usually last me for several months. I am very satisfied with this puzzle book.

I have been buying these books for many years. It seems like they have stopped printing new versions...am I correct.I can only find older ones in stores and on-line. In my opinion, Simon and Schuster puzzle books are far superior to all others.

This crossword puzzle book contains very challenging puzzles. It would certainly be too challenging for crossword puzzle beginners.Definately will challenge the most experience crossword puzzle users.

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