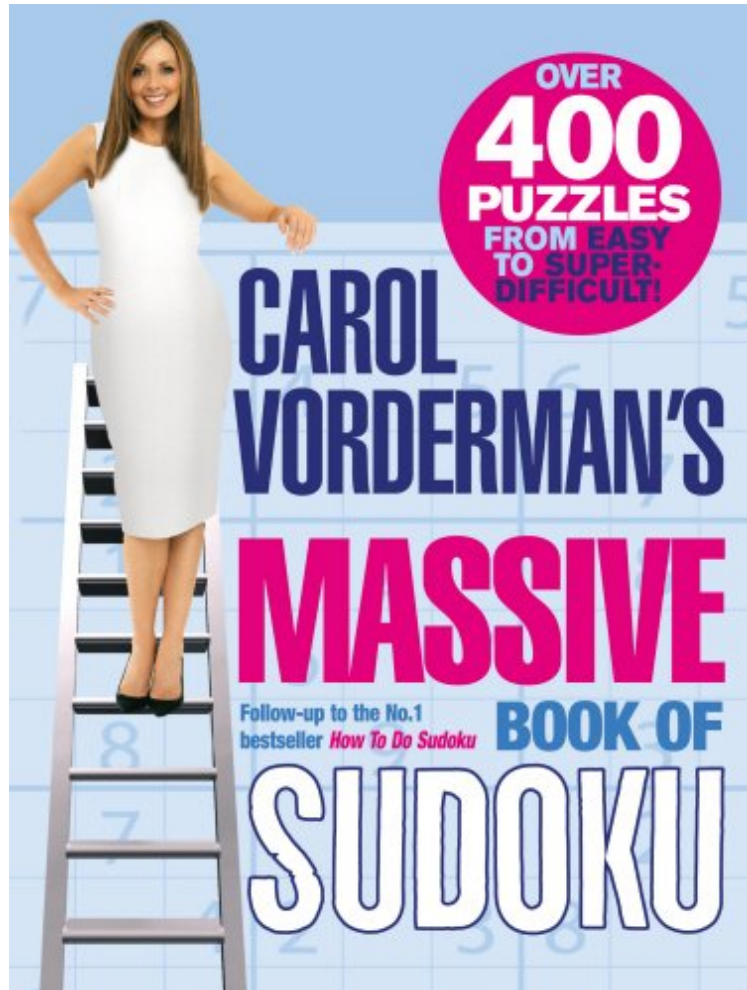


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Carol Vorderman : Carol Vorderman's Massive Book of Sudoku. before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Carol Vorderman's Massive Book of Sudoku.:

1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. One of the best!!By Book LoverThis is the best sudoku book I have found. Whoever said only for beginners must be a total genius. I have worked on this book for a long time, maybe over a year now, and bring it whenever I go on a trip. I ran out of Mediums and did some Difficults and then I just went to some beginners ones to play around with and they were slightly enough challenging to keep me interested. My only problem is what to replace this with as Carol has not come out with another one. The only other thing is that it is a little big to carry in my bag on a trip and would like to get some smaller ones for trips. But there seemed to be enough challenge with even the Easy ones and the Difficult ones are not so insanely difficult that you can't get them with a little work. The Mediums are just perfect, make you think and are challenging enough to be fun. 0 of 0 people found

the following review helpful. New sudoku puzzle solvers will find this book very helpful. By J. Lesley I would really like to recommend this sudoku puzzle book to people who are still exploring the puzzles and learning how to solve them. The puzzles in this book do give you a way to travel through puzzles labeled easy, medium, difficult, and super-difficult. Vorderman provides the basic rules for how to solve the puzzles and then she gives more detailed instructions for how to recognize situations such as writing options, twins, and triplets. If you have picked up any puzzle magazine from a newsstand and have had difficulty in getting started, these helpful hints will be of value to you. Frankly, after working your way through a few puzzles these "tips" reveal themselves very naturally, without needing this book. If you are having trouble, then that's where this book will come in handy. The book is arranged with one puzzle on each page so there is ample room for writing in numbers in blank squares if you need to do that. The flip side to this is that the book is so thick that the first half makes the puzzles on the left page hard to work on and the second half makes the puzzles on the right side of the page difficult to work on. I solve that problem by tearing the page out, working the puzzles and then throwing the sheet away. Do you really think you are going to want to keep solved sudoku puzzles? No, you will want to get a new, fresh supply. There is a space at the bottom of each puzzle to indicate the time it took you to solve the puzzle and a "score" you assign yourself based on how long it took you to solve. Some of the puzzles give the solving time of Carol Vorderman. This aspect of the book was of no value to me since I chose not to make the solving of my puzzles a race, against myself, the clock, or another solver. I don't enjoy the tension created by putting myself against the clock. These puzzles, even the ones called super-difficult are much too easy for even moderately proficient sudoku solvers. When I can look at a super-difficult puzzle and pick out which number slots into a space instantly, it's just not a very difficult puzzle. When I first began to solve sudoku's these puzzles would have increased my proficiency and given my confidence a boost. Not now, however. There are puzzles in the back of the book which Vorderman calls "squiffy" and the 16 number puzzles. I find that the "squiffy" puzzles are usually easier to solve than regular sudoku's and I just don't like the 16 number puzzles. A "squiffy" is a puzzle which still uses the basic 9 numbers but where the grids are not square but in various shapes. No matter what the shape is, the numbers 1 through 9 must still be placed and perfectly co-ordinate with other various shapes. It's much easier than it sounds, but some solvers find the unusual shapes a visual distraction and don't care to solve this type puzzle. I am giving this book a three star rating because there are many people who will find this book a huge help in increasing their sudoku solving skills. Just don't think you will find anything new and useful here if you have already worked your way through basic to moderate puzzles.

Carol Vorderman's follow up to the bestselling *How To Do Sudoku* is even bigger and better. With over 400 puzzles - from easy to killer Sudoku - this is the very biggest collection on the market. Better still are the advanced secrets and tips for puzzle solving that Carol Vorderman is able to pass on to her readers.

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