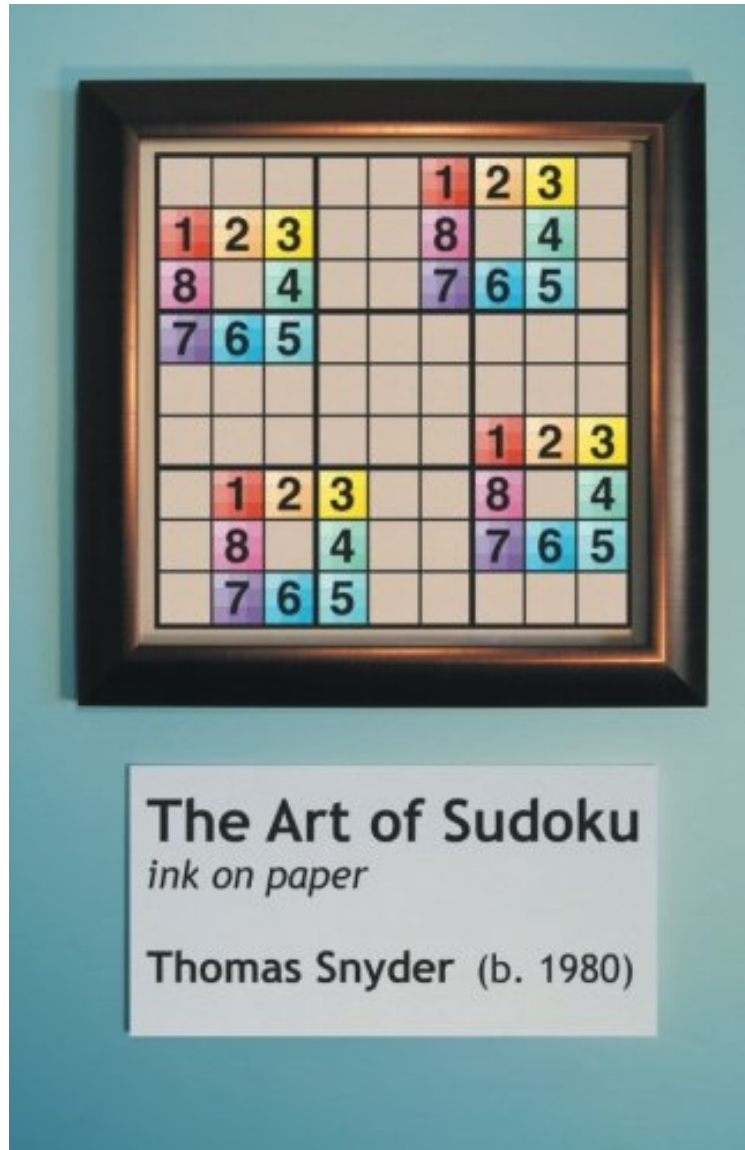


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**Thomas Snyder : The Art of Sudoku** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Art of Sudoku:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Great classicBy PuzzleMATSNyder decided to become a publisher himself and The Art of Sudoku is the first product under Grandmaster Puzzles publication. The book contains 120 classic sudokus.Now, you might think a book of classic sudokus has already been done before. In fact, it's been done to death.You can even get a bigger oversized book for less money per puzzle. But what you can't get in those

lackluster books are individual qualities in each puzzle. Flipping through the pages, your eyes will rest on interesting patterns like spirals, boxes, circles, smiley face and so on. On closer inspection, you'll notice that the two boxes contain the exact same number in the exact same places! Or that the given odd numbers are on one side and the given even numbers are on the other! Or hold on, those string of numbers are consecutive! And that's not all these puzzles have to offer. Once you start penciling in the digits, the solving path is quite beautiful as well. I've solved a lot of sudokus (both casually and competitively) and have to say that a lot of the gimmicks I found were original to this book. The only comparison I can make is the Nikoli's Sudoku Communication quarterly magazine. And what does the two have in common? Both are 100% handmade.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Excellent collection of hand-made puzzles

By bobthatsme This book presents 120 hand-made puzzles varying in difficulty from moderate to very difficult. Few, if any, are what I would call extreme, but I consider this a good thing since it means that all the puzzles can be solved by logically working through the possibilities rather than ever having to make guesses. To really appreciate the hand-made nature of these puzzles, you should try solving them not only without guessing but without making notations of the possibilities for each cell which can't be determined in a straightforward manner. The first 20-30 can be readily done this way and won't seem much different, or more interesting, than computer-generated puzzles. Beyond this point, however, difficult puzzles become more common and the hand-generated nature of the logical problems you have to solve make the puzzles that much more interesting if you're trying to do it all in your head. I was able to solve about half of the puzzles in this manner without making notations. Of the ones remaining, there were about half that I felt I might have been able to solve that way if I had enough experience and patience. The rest of the puzzles were ones I simply could not have solved without notations, but most of those still ended up being more interesting than the typical computer-generated puzzle in working through to the solution. You should be warned, however, that the title and cover can be a bit deceptive. Although the puzzles create regular patterns with the given numbers, the art isn't in the appearance of the puzzles (they're all in black and white) but in the way the author creates a variety of logical patterns needed to solve them.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. a great learning book for Sudoku

By Peter R. Nichols I have almost finished all the 120 puzzles in this book. As expected, the puzzles not only express Snyder's art of composing Sudoku puzzles that start with interesting patterns of the given numbers, but also provide the "puzzler" with a progression of puzzle experiences that expose new and more advanced puzzle solving elements. Snyder does not speak of, point to, or in any way explain these elements, but allows the puzzler to experience them by doing the puzzles, an excellent way to learn. Highly recommended for anyone who enjoys the challenges of Sudoku and wants to learn to do the more difficult puzzles through hands-on practice.

You've never seen sudoku like this before! In *The Art of Sudoku* you'll find 120 hand-crafted masterpieces from World Sudoku Champion Thomas Snyder, with artistic and logical themes that could never have been produced by random computer generation. Whether you're a sudoku novice or a sudoku grandmaster, *The Art of Sudoku* will open your eyes to the amazing possibilities of this numbers puzzle and leave you wanting more.