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Green Belt Kakuro: 150 Puzzles (Martial Arts Puzzles Series)



Synopsis

Kakuro are language-free number puzzles that use logic and require just simple arithmetic to solve. This book contains 150 kakuros. It takes cue from the belt colors in martial arts: white is for novices, green for intermediates, brown for very accomplished players, and black for those consummate experts who crave a challenge.

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Customer Reviews

I have really enjoyed this "Belt" series of Kakuro books. This is the second easiest volume, but offers a good challenge for Kakuro solvers with some experience. Expert solvers may find this a little too easy and may prefer the Brown or Black Belt collections. Whoever wrote these is very good at precisely grading the difficulty of each puzzle. I can't think of one time that I have thought that a particular puzzle was misplaced. Highly recommended.

I'm one of those who started out doing Sudoku in the daily paper and easily bored of it. Kakuro is the next progression up, where you actually have to count. Like Sudoku, there's a great deal of logic involved, and you won't really gain competence until you figure out the unique combinations. (Like a sum of 23 with 3 digits has to be a 6-8-9. A sum of 11 with 4 digits has to be 1-2-3-5.) This book is at a level of challenge that appeals to me. There are a few that are pretty simple (tooooo soft), a few that

are darn challenging (tooo hard), but most are in that wonderful just right. My only complaint about the book is that outside of the first few puzzles, they use the same grid. I'd like to shake it up a bit ... some more squarish than rectangular. I know, I know. Those don't fit well into rectangular books. I just started Brown Belt and so far so good!

I came across Kakuro by happenstance. I was in OfficeMax waiting in line when I spotted a beginners Kakuro book. I never heard of Kakuro before but the book looked intriguing so I thumbed through it and liked the concept. I'm not a good Sudoku person and this looked like a nice alternative because I do like puzzles. Well, I smashed through that book and I was hooked. That lead me to step up to the Green Belt Kakuro which I think was a perfect graduation for me. The Green Belt Kakuros are bigger and offer a few more combinations which tax my brain just enough to be challenged but not enough to quit. I'm starting to pick up on certain combinations and the Green Belt is beginning to get a little easier. Whereas it took me 45+ minutes to do a single puzzle before, midway through the book I'm down to about 1/2 hour for a puzzle. That's not to say that I'm no longer challenged. There are some puzzles I've had to retrace and see where did I add wrong or where did I assume a correct combination because now I'm in a impossible situation. I think that's all part of the fun and the challenge and it makes me slow down and be more attentive the next time.

This book has about 150 Kakuro puzzles (and no other type) which start off with a few easy (relatively easy that is) ones and then switch to a slightly larger puzzle with more squares. I find that I often have to restart a puzzle or at least a section of one and I have been doing these for a while now. I also purchased the next two books in the series, Brown Belt and Black Belt... I will probably enjoy them but they are going to be a real challenge. I definitely recommend this book if you are interested in this type of puzzle. **WARNING:** These puzzles can be addictive!

If you've solved plenty of Kakuros, the Martial Arts puzzles are the best. I've done all from Green to Black Belt. They now have a Second Degree series (White to Black) which are also good but harder.

working my way up through the belts. This is the easy one. Took me a little while to get going but now I am onto the Black belt kakuro. Love these books. Fit into my bag easily and plenty of room at the sides of the puzzles to use for working out.

This is the third time I've ordered the same book. It's not like I'll remember how to solve them a second or third time. They aren't so easy that I'm not challenged. But they aren't too hard to frustrate me.

I love Kakuro puzzles, and this series is among my favorites. That said, it is among my favorites because it has a real variety of puzzles. Every book in this series has a bunch of puzzles that are on the easier side, a bunch that are of medium difficulty, and a bunch that are more difficult. They could have done a better job sorting the puzzles and putting them in the most appropriate level book. I actually have found more easy puzzles in the green belt book than in the white belt book. I have not yet finished the Black Belt book (I completed the White belt, the Green belt, and the Brown belt), but that one does seem to be a bit more difficult so far. Otherwise, all three of other books are about the same level (or variety of levels).

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