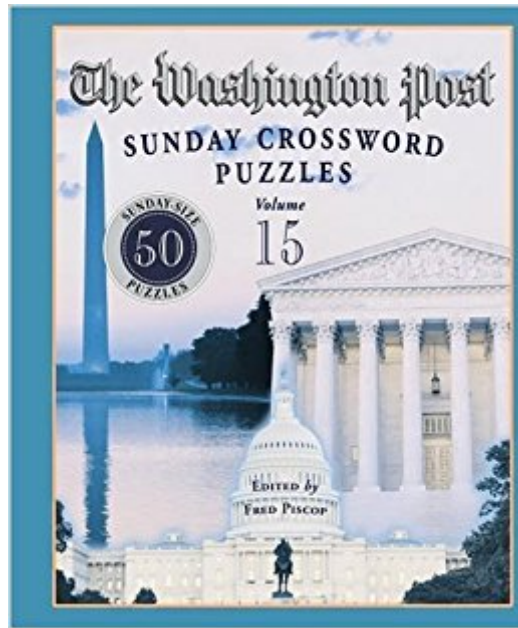




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Synopsis

The Washington Post is one of America's few newspapers with its own home-grown Sunday crossword. In this new volume, editor Fred Piscop presents, in book form for the first time, 50 contemporary puzzles designed to pique the interest of crossword fans all across the board.

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Customer Reviews

Expert puzzle constructor Fred Piscop is known for his clever themes and lively clues. Before his appointment as crossword editor of the Washington Post Sunday Magazine, Fred was crossword editor of Crossword America and created puzzles for the Time magazine "News Quiz Crossword."

Someone in here had said that some of the clues are a little "too clever." I disagree. They're not "too clever;" they seem to apply only to the creator. In other words, there are colloquialisms in here that only he seems to understand. I've had to resort to the answers on several occasions because of this. And I've gone to several friends of mine located in different states to see if they'd know the answers. They didn't. I did the same thing with other clues in which the responses were just plain wrong. I gave him the benefit of the doubt, thinking maybe what I'd learned had been updated; again, asking friends of mine what their answers might be and, again trying to find if the answer might have changed since I'd last checked. Nope. The answer was actually wrong. I'm not sure what happened in the last 10-12 years when I did the WaPo Sunday crossword like clockwork, but

this is not the crossword I remember.

I love the Washington Post crossword puzzles. They're challenging, and done with a bit of humor. I do a lot of crossword puzzles, and can strongly recommend the Washington Post puzzles to anyone who enjoys a bit of thought without being arcane.

I often like Fred Piscop's puzzles very much, so I am glad I ordered this book. I still found puzzles I have previously done from other crossword puzzle books, with different titles, but I found enough puzzles I had not done to make this purchase worthwhile.

I guess you would have to say I'm a New York Times crossword puzzle fanatic. But because this book was edited by Fred Piscop, known to me from his occasional puzzles at the Times, I decided to give a couple volumes of this series a try. Well, I was amply rewarded. These are moderately difficult Sunday puzzles (and you know what I mean if you do the Times Sunday puzzles) which are just enough different from those in the Times that they represented a pleasant challenge for me. Piscop's sense of humor, as seen in the definitions, is unique (and different from that of the NYT's Will Shortz) and I literally found myself laughing out loud at times. Scott Morrison

These puzzles are small as people have noted, but to me the biggest negative is that they are printed on newsprint. I thought buying a spiral bound book would mean it was on decent paper. I don't think this fact is noted anywhere in the description and it should be.

See the other reviews that I have posted concerning crossword puzzles in general. My husband says they should avoid French words.

The print is too small and the grids are too small. You need a magnifying glass to read the clues.

So many of the definitions are used in more than one puzzle that they became progressively easier. I have become accustomed to the NY Times puzzles which are more clever and a bit more difficult.

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