Perplexing Puzzles And Tantalizing Teasers (Dover Children's Activity Books)
Synopsis

Here's a bonanza of 93 stimulating brainteasers, ideal for limbering and strengthening young mental muscles. Many of the puzzles are classics, while others are presented here for the first time. Ridiculous riddles, tantalizing teasers, intricate mazes, deceptive illusions, tricky questions, and a host of unusual word and picture puzzles offer young readers hours of challenging fun. Youngsters will love such intriguing mind-builders as The Maze of Minotaur, the Dime-and-Penny Switcheroo, Mr. Bushyhead's Problems, Knock, Knock (Who's There?, Mrs. Windbag's Gift, Find the Duck, Bee on the Nose, The Flatz Beer Goof, and many more. Compiled by noted puzzle expert Martin Gardner, this collection combines two books in one, providing a double helping of puzzle fun in one convenient volume. Richly illustrated with diagrams and hilarious drawings by Laszlo Kubinyi, this curious and comic collection is the perfect companion for car trips, parties and picnics, or long rainy days. Solutions are at the back of the book — but don't peek until you've given the puzzles a try!

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

I was so glad to find that this book is still in print. It was wonderful and challenging and great fun to figure out some of the problems, learn a different way of looking at things, stretching your imagination... It taught me that things aren't always the way they appear to be. It taught me to think for myself and I used it over and over again, exercising the mind muscle. I lost mine from 25 years
ago, and its one of the books that has stood out from my childhood. Now I'm thrilled to find I can still get a copy for my son and a few copies as unique gifts. Its not like any other childrens book I've seen.

Perplexing Puzzles and Tantalizing Teasers will definitely test your wits and best of all, it'll test your common sense. You'll realize common sense is not so common after all! The book is also full of word games, visual games, conundrums, jokes, palindromes, and some real stumpers. I was given my first copy 18 years ago, and I've been hooked ever since. The illustrations are great; and if you can't figure something out, the answer is always in the back.

This book is a bonanza of puzzles, riddles, and questions with an emphasis on humor. Two great volumes bound as one. Put together they account for 93 stimulating brainteasers ideal for strengthening young mental muscles. Ridiculous riddles, tantalizing teasers, intricate mazes, deceptive illusions, tricky questions, and a host of unusual word and picture puzzle will offer your kids many hours of challenging fun. All the solutions are given at the back of the book. This curious and comic collection is the perfect companion for car trips, parties, picnics, or those long rainy days.

I bought this book for my eight year old daughter but the riddles and puzzles are clearly for older children. It is a great book for adults though, I found that I couldn't put the book down. Once I got one riddle right I had to keep going to see if I could get others right too. The one confusing thing about the book is that it is split into 2 sections and the answers for the first half of the book are located at the end of the first section (half way through the book). It seems obvious now that I have figured it out but I was really confused when I couldn't find the answer to my problem when I flipped to the end of the book. Maybe that was supposed to be a riddle too??

I received this book for Christmas one year many, many years ago and loved the puzzles and riddles. A couple of months ago it popped into my head and I found it on and thought it would be a great book for my kids. They are roughly the same age now as when I first received it. After prying the iTouch and the DSis and the laptops out of their technologically addicted hands I got them to look at it. They spun it around a couple of times looking for the power switch but after determining that it was, in fact, a book, they figured out how to "activate" it. They seem to really like it. I still love going back and trying to figure out some of the puzzlers. Old School Thinking at its best.
Great for my seven-year old grandson who loves puzzles, jokes and riddles. While much in this book is above him at the moment, he will grow into it. And what he can do now, is challenging and completely engaging. He especially liked a puzzle that asked him to find the differences between two drawings. Unlike the usual challenge in this type of exercise, the two drawings were mirror images where he had to distinguish between things on the left reflected as things on the right. He loved it!

9-12 years old is just right for this book. Some of the puzzles seem overly simple, but for the most part they were just challenging enough. Throughout the book there are puzzles that have a surprising twist or are satisfyingly tricky, making this book worth a look.

The puzzles are great for my 10 yr old, who can follow the logic (and appreciates the hints in the middle of the book and the answers in the back). Great way to get their minds working. You can argue the logic in some of the solutions, and we've had it around the dinner table for discussion a few times too. If you’re kids are thinkers, they’ll enjoy it as with all Martin Gardner books.

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