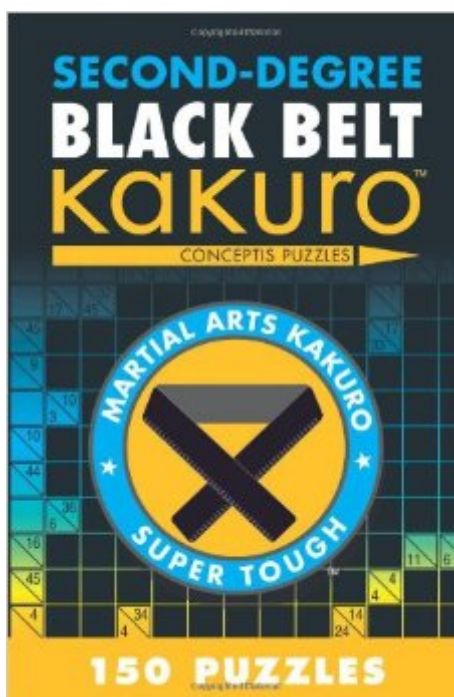


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# Second-Degree Black Belt Kakuro (Martial Arts Puzzles Series)



## Synopsis

When just having a black belt in kakuro isn't enough, step up to the next level! These tricky puzzles require the very best skills-and give top solvers the complete mental workout they want.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

These puzzles are superb; made up mainly of long sequences; I don't think I've seen any like these before. Wonderful constructions. A real pleasure. However - quite difficult. Distinctly harder than the original Black-belt book and much harder than other books (Brown Belt, Take the Kakuro Challenge, Crazy Clever, Kakuro, Mensa, etc.) The first pass thru a puzzle - hard to believe that it's solvable - but with patience, it is. Each puzzle solved is an accomplishment. (though, difficulty can vary: puzzle 7, the first large format puzzle, seems to me much harder than the average puzzle in the book - so don't let that puzzle discourage you; on the other hand, puzzles 47 and 51, are examples of fairly easy puzzles.) Much more than in other kakuro puzzles, these puzzles contain "hidden singles" - i.e. situations in which a number is excluded from all but one square in a long sequence. There are also hidden doubles and triples, not to mention the usual naked doubles and triples. These types of moves are one reason these puzzles are more interesting and fun than other kakuro puzzles. A must-buy for those who are ready for this level of difficulty.

As a Kakuro "junkie", I love the challenge of the 2nd degree level. This is the second time I have bought the book. It's interesting to see how I improved (or not) from the first time through. Hope another book is published on this same level.

These books are for advanced kakuro lovers, in my opinion. I've been doing sudoku, kakuro and variations for about 6-7 yrs. Regular sudoku bores me easily, but I've still not lost interest in kakuro. I would suggest starting w/ a simpler kakuro book if you've not done kakuro before, but if you're comfortable w/ it, this is nice and challenging. I like the size of the book also, since I find the larger books unwieldy, even when they're not very thick. This is good-quality paper, so if you need to erase some, it handles it well.

Have had the book for about a month and find the puzzles very challenging. I did the 1st Degree book last year and I can tell the difference in difficulty. Working on the puzzles off and on, it can take me a week to finish one puzzle. Like the 1st Degree Book, the paper is of high quality and takes pencil very well. Paper stands up to mild erasing. Room at the top and bottom for some calculations. You can fold the book over without the binding breaking. Highly recommended for puzzle addicts.

Before I bought this, I had been filling out Will Shortz's Kakuro and KenKen books, and to be honest, I did not find them very challenging. The last puzzle book I finished was "Will Shortz Presents Diabolical KenKen" (I know KenKen and Kakuro are not the same, but bear with me), with "Very Challenging" and "Mind-Melting" puzzles. Well, you'd think the words "Diabolical" and "Mind-Melting" would've been difficult, but with the exception of a handful of those puzzles, I fairly breezed through it. Prior to this, I had filled out another "challenging" Shortz Kakuro book and it was even easier than the KenKen book (which is why I went to KenKen in the first place, for more of a challenge). Then I saw this, Second-Degree Black Belt Kakuro. I missed Kakuro and was looking for a "real" challenge, so I bought this about 4 months ago...and I only just now finished puzzle #7. That's right - the first "big" Kakuro puzzle took me nearly 4 months to finish. So, if ever a puzzle book deserved the title "Mind-Melting," this is it. I ended up buying the regular old Black Belt book from this same author about a week ago and it's up to par with the "Diabolical" book above. If you're relatively new to Kakuro and are looking to move up and become more challenged, I recommend "Black Belt Kakuro," but if that isn't challenging enough, then I definitely recommend "Second-Degree Black Belt Kakuro"! Enjoy!

I have been working Kakuro puzzles for years now so thought I would give this book a try. I found even the first puzzles very difficult (to be expected, I guess, with something called "Black Belt Kakuro"). The puzzles are very challenging. This book doesn't start out with the simple easy puzzles you normally see in Kakuro books so make sure this is what you're looking for before you buy it. If it's to be mentally and mathematically challenged, this is the right book. Ordering through was very easy and I received it in only a couple of days. Because I have Prime, there was no shipping change - another plus.

I am pretty good at kakuro. I am only able to get about 75% of these puzzles completed without an error. I appreciate the fact that it is a challenge to me. I have ordered this book about four times. Still keeps me entertained.

This collection delivers what it advertises - puzzles for experts only. Only 1 minor objection, These are CROSS SUMS, invented by a Canadian and published continuously by Dell for 5 decades. A Japanese publisher picked them up several decades later..

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