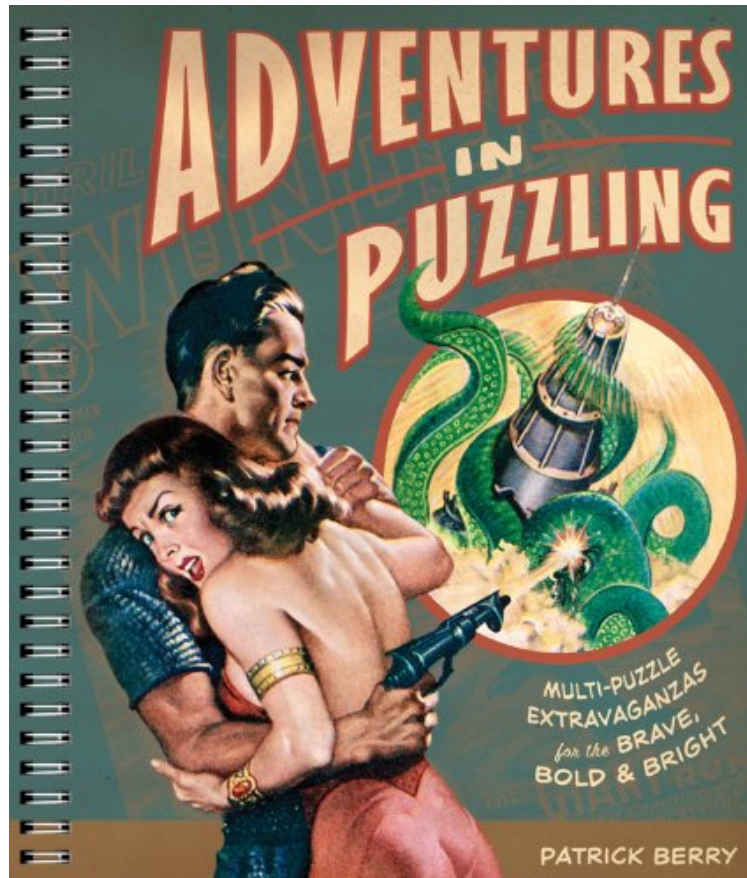


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Patrick Berry : Adventures in Puzzling: Multi-Puzzle Extravaganzas for the Brave, Bold Bright before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Adventures in Puzzling: Multi-Puzzle Extravaganzas for the Brave, Bold Bright:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Uniquely BerryBy My Fake NameI haven't finished this book of puzzles, but I can already tell you it's a remarkable accomplishment. There's a grand theme that takes you from one type of puzzle to another, with such a variety as I have never seen. I'm not sure, but I'd guess that some of the puzzle types are unique to Patrick Berry, and they are certainly all unique to the grand theme, with lesser themes tying it all together.For example, on one page you might need to solve not one but two or even three individual puzzles, the final solution of which is required to solve some later puzzle, which is itself required to solve yet another puzzle.You will certainly be impressed with how hard Mr. Berry must have worked to put this all together and make it mesh so well. He had to start at the end and then work backwards, and then work backwards again, and then work backwards again. Altogether the puzzles and their explanations take you on a sort of science fiction adventure (hence the title) in which

you, the solver, are the hero. I would gladly have paid twice, even three times what I did for this collection. Update of July 29, 2011: I have played several more of the puzzles in this collection, and I hereby reiterate how much fun they are and how much I admire Berry's effort. I'm not sure anything like this has ever been done before, but if it has I'm pretty sure it has never been done better. 9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. "I'm about to lose control again and I *know* I like it" By Aaron Riccio I tried to anagram the title of the book to make the title of this review, and this was the best I could do: Sizzling rave, upend nut? I tried because Patrick Berry, the extraordinary puzzle-maker behind "Adventures in Puzzling," makes such word play seem easy. In this collection of 54 variety puzzles, grouped into seven linked sets (in which the first eight puzzles help to solve the ninth), he has you translating alien speech ("Communication Breakdown"), traveling through pyramid mazes ("Large as Life"), traveling up a perilous mountain ("Upwords and Downwords"), completing the floor plans for the sad citizens of Squaresville (the excellent "T Squares"), and much, much more. Even if you've been a subscriber to Games magazine for years, even if you've been on a puzzle hunt or two, you're still bound to come across something you haven't seen before, and while those who solve the WSJ's Second Saturday puzzles will quickly recognize Berry's innovative grid puzzles (like "In Boxes"), they'll nonetheless be bowled over by his incredibly tricky logic puzzles, which range from reconstructing games of Hangman with a pack of angry yetis to sussing out the winner of a game of five-card draw in which nobody knows how to play. The pacing between puzzles is also well-planned: the one real stumper in every set of puzzles is always surrounded by a few that can be cracked with trial-and-error, persistence, or a nifty aha-moment. But even the easier challenges, like a word-search ("Foursquare"), have a trick or two up their sleeve. It's enough that I haven't wanted to put this book down since it arrived -- but also haven't been able to, yet, since I'm still working on more than a few challenges. Bottom line? If you like variety puzzles -- i.e., something more than the average crossword, logic puzzle, word game -- then you have to go adventuring with Berry's book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Hungry for more By M Pallai Terrific variety! A great mix of word and logic puzzles, with the logic puzzles proving to be particularly challenging. Yeti Hangman was, without a doubt, my favorite--a unique blend of logic and word savvy, with half a dozen 'aha' moments along the way. Although the final puzzle in each series is usually trivial (but still extremely satisfying), it's the individual puzzles leading to the final solution that are brilliant. You think you're smart being able to solve these. Then you realize how smart Patrick Berry has to be to create them, and you go back to feeling average. Biggest disappointment is that you hit the end hungry for more and don't know where to go.

Wordsmith extraordinaire Patrick Berry has created brainteasers with a unique narrative dimension and stimulating wordplay. Each set of puzzles features a thrilling escapade including a journey through an ancient Egyptian pyramid and every finely crafted conundrum yields a special word when solved. At the end of the story, put these words together to get the grand solution to a final puzzle!

About the Author Patrick Berry's puzzles have appeared in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal and numerous other publications.