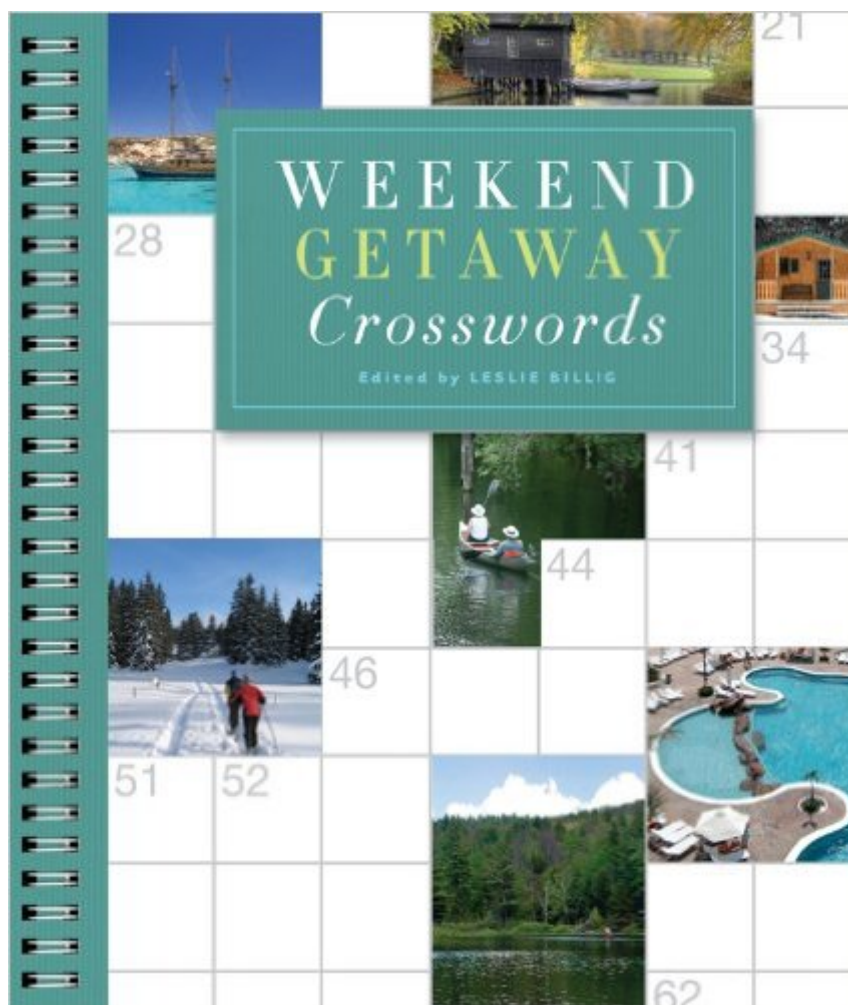


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Weekend Getaway Crosswords (Sunday Crosswords)



Synopsis

For millions, the perfect weekend includes curling up with a cup of something warm and an engaging crossword. (After all, the "day of rest" doesn't have to be a mental holiday, too!) Puzzle constructor extraordinaire and national competition whiz Leslie Billig has culled dozens of creatively themed Sunday-sized crosswords here, presenting a range of challenges for every puzzle fan. This outstanding collection of brainteasers is sure to deliver many weekends' worth of fun!

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Customer Reviews

I'll be posting all of this review on the following sites (i.e., all in this series currently published by 12/11): Walk in the Park Sunday, Three-day Weekend, Sunny Sunday, Weekend Getaway, and Sunday Brunch. The facts are: 1) printed on very good quality paper 2) one puzzle plus clues per page 3) print and squares large enough for older eyes 4) individual leaves -- a puzzle on each side -- easily ripped from spiral binding 5) superb editing: as far as I can remember, absolutely no typos 6) hardly any gratuitously difficult clues: everything fair and above board Now to the opinion: Just in case a crossword puzzle in any book or newspaper might be too easy, I work the puzzle as a sort of Scrabble; i.e., I can start the puzzle anywhere, but must play off existing words only and can't begin again elsewhere on the puzzle until I'm absolutely stumped and can no longer play off what I have already written in. (Yes, I use ink.) I estimate that I became "stumped" in fewer than one out of five puzzles. I do not consider these especially easy, but neither are they terribly difficult. Perhaps a few are challenging. Some have clever gimmicks. Just about every one is fun. These are top quality, well-edited, fair play, medium difficulty crossword puzzles.

I just want to add some to the other review, which I agree with completely, by the way.-70 puzzles-All have clever themes-Answers in back are not in order, so if you look up answers in one you don't automatically see answers to the next.-Answers have notes below them to explain a few of the facts about the answers, e.g. "The Aral Sea has shrunk due to overuse of its two main tributaries for irrigation" and "Lea and Perrins has been producing its trademarked Worcestershire Sauce since 1837."-Which also gives you an idea of the range of clues used.-Since reviewers seem to disagree on other puzzles about what quality the paper used is, I want to add that this paper is almost heavy enough to be card stock, i.e. you can erase easily (which my husband and I do too frequently).Overall, a perfect combination of quality, quantity and price.

I've ordered four of the books in this series this year, and they're so much fun. As a retired women almost 80 years of age, it keeps my mind in tip-top shape and I'm continuing to learn info along the way. Very rarely have to check the answers in back of book.

Everybody knows word puzzles keep your brain alive. Yes, well. Best not to start with Leslie Billig's selections. They are only a tad less challenging than the New York Times' ones. BUT, the puzzles she selects are from the top cruciverbalists in the business, like Harvey Estes, and some of the puzzles and clues are hilarious. Especially "delicious" are the notations included below the puzzle solutions. Go, Leslie!

I've been doing crosswords in these sorts of puzzle books on and off for twenty+ years. This is the second-best compilation I've encountered. (The best is by far a Will Shortz compilation of his favorite NYT puzzles. If only there were more like that one...)Mind you, these puzzles are challenging but not impossible. Almost all of the puzzles in this compilation had at least one section that required me to exercise some of my less often used solving skills. In other words, this isn't a "just fill in the squares while watching TV" book.It is of course tricky to recommend puzzles -- one person's "difficult" is another person's "impossible" is another person's "too easy". That said, I think anyone who can normally work through a Sunday NYT puzzle will find this compilation worth their time.

I have done crosswords for many years and have even tolerated the recent Google-assisted mass production of puzzles, but this book is insufferable. Almost all its puzzles are not a crossword

puzzles • but • across-sentence puzzles • as they contain lengthy and ridiculous wordplay or meaningless sentences and far-fetched clues, while the small number of straight clues does not enable one even to start figuring out such aberrations. When creators are in a hurry they create onomatopoeic entries that obviously do not appear in any dictionary. A new twist is the clue starts a sentence that only the Delphic Oracle could imagine how to complete it. Quite a lot of entries contain urban slang or words that exist only in the creator's mind. The majority of the rest of the clues come from pop culture hinting at some character on a TV show, movie, play, novel, sports team, etc., and their relatives. Finally, in some puzzles icons or dots are substituted for letters in some squares! On the other hand, a few puzzles require deep scholarly knowledge. Thus neither a celeb wannabe nor an educated person can deal with this book. The plethora of arbitrary abbreviations (the first three letters of any word are considered an abbreviation!) and pure errors (such as equating "strategy" with "tactics" and "area" with "spot") reflect deficient education and editing. The only good features of this book are that it is spiral bound and of low cost.

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