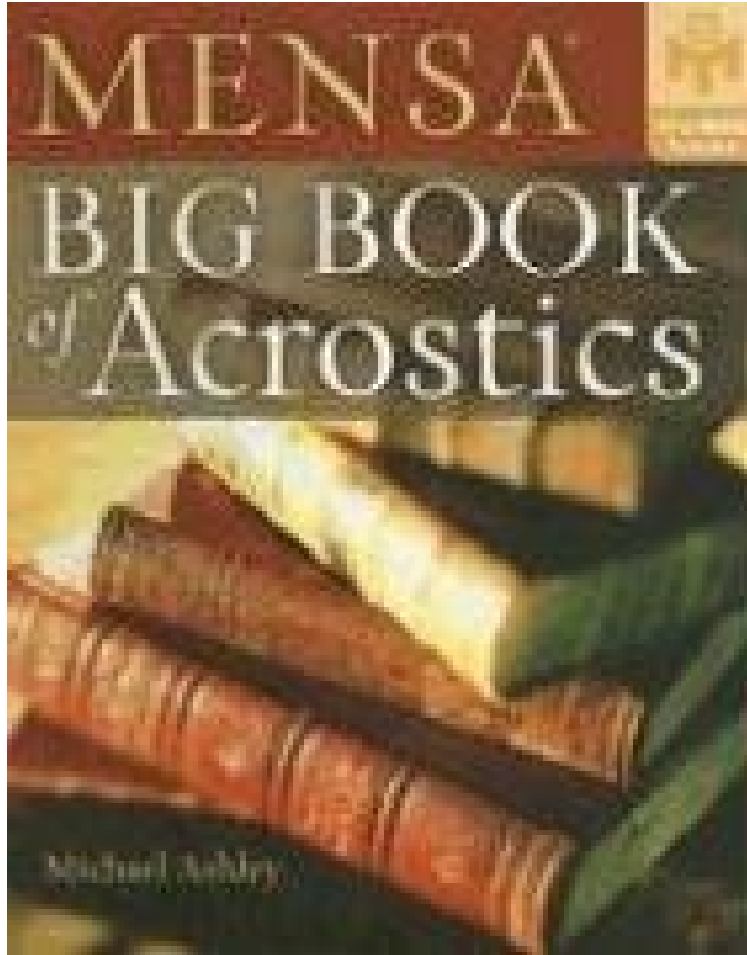


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Mike Ashley : Big Book of Acrostics (Official Mensa Puzzle Book) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Big Book of Acrostics (Official Mensa Puzzle Book):

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Excellent Mid-level book, but...By bobthatsmeI'm not sure where the Mensa designation came from for this since it is not mentioned anywhere in the book itself. In any case, these puzzles are definitely a notch below the NY Times in difficulty. Although there tend to be just as many obscure answers in them, there are more easy ones to get you started and the quotes are much easier to figure out. I actually find these to be a little too easy for me since I can solve most of them without ever having to pause for more than just a few seconds to think. These would probably be excellent, however, for someone who finds the NY Times too difficult. The quotes are interesting, the clues are good and the spiral binding makes it very easy to work the puzzles. The "but" in my title refers to what another reviewer has pointed out, namely that these puzzles are "based upon Random House Crostics Volume 1 and Random House eCrostics Volume 2", something which is never mentioned in the product description.

This not only means that you might have seen these before, but it also means that the puzzles date from the mid 1990s in spite of the 2008 publication date listed for the book. Very few of the clues are specific to the time period, however, so the earlier dates of publication shouldn't be a problem. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. wish there were more
By eleanor waterbury
i'm down to my last handful of puzzles and wish there were more in this series ... i find this book of puzzles to be quite appealing, as there is that first "OMG i only know two answers to slowly but surely working thru the list of them, jumping back and forth from guesses in the quotation words to the AHA moments in the questions. definitely not 'easy' OR 'hard' so my adrenalin pumps but my stress doesn't rise. must say, if i was goldilocks, this book would be my my 'baby bear'.
5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Good, but something of a beginner book
By Penny Duff
I am accustomed to the LA Times and NY Times acrostics, and I had hoped this would be up to that standard. These acrostics are short and generally much simpler than the others I mentioned. However, if you are just starting to work acrostics, I would highly recommend this to learn to enjoy these entertaining puzzles.

Get ready to sharpen both your pencil and your wits with these 60 challenging acrostics from renowned puzzle-master Michael Ashley, a frequent contributor to Games magazine. Quotation-based acrostics are among the most popular types of puzzles, and enthusiasts of all skill levels will spend hours solving these Mensa-approved teasers. The quotations come from all fields of knowledge literature, science, commerce, sports, and pop culture and from such luminaries as Mark Twain, Emily Bront, Dave Barry, and others. This one is from E.M. Thomas: As we own cats by human rules of ownership, so cats own us by cat rules. And this gem is from Alfred Hitchcock, who when asked what it was that he produced, responded Gooseflesh.