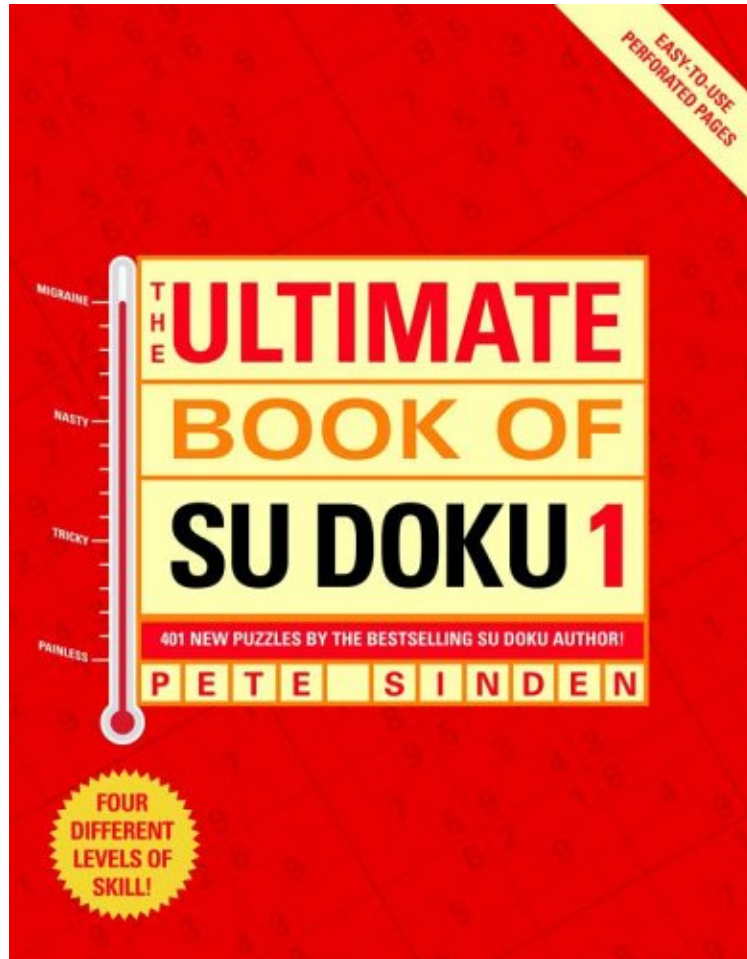


# The Ultimate Book of Su Doku 1

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**Pete Sinden : The Ultimate Book of Su Doku 1** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Ultimate Book of Su Doku 1:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Well designed (and good fun) for the novice or intermediate sudoku fan. By Mary Whipple (3.5 stars) This oversized book, with two puzzles per page, offers plenty of room for writing number options in the boxes. The paper is high quality, able to stand up to any erasures, and the pages are perforated for easy removal for those occasions in which you may want to bring a puzzle but not a whole book. The book offers four different skill levels--Painless, Tricky, Nasty, and Migraine. Experienced sudoku fans, however, will be disappointed with the "Migraine" level. Unlike real migraines that sometimes last for hours, these "Migraines" last for only 15 - 20 minutes, at most. It is rare that the puzzler has more than a few logical options for any given box, and often most of a square can be filled in just from the numbers given at the outset of a puzzle. (One "Migraine" puzzle allowed me to fill in seven of the nine required numbers at the very outset of the puzzle.) "Tricky" provides an average

of 31 - 32 of the required 81 numbers at the outset. "Nasty" provides, on average, 27 of the required numbers, and "Migraine" provides 24. While it is possible to find extremely challenging puzzles in other books with the same number of "givens," the givens in this book are placed in such a way that most of the challenge is removed before the puzzle even starts. Tom Sheldon's Sudoku Master Class has extremely difficult puzzles, overall, and it offers outstanding lessons and practice in some of the advanced techniques of sudoku. Will Shortz Presents Ferocious Sudoku: 200 Hard Puzzles also contains about a hundred very challenging puzzles. This book is good fun for the novice or intermediate fan, but not for someone more experienced. n Mary Whipple0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Another Great Sudoku BookBy KatieAs I've said in previous Sudoku book reviews, I have become addicted to this type of numbers/logic puzzle - I now have about 10 different Sudoku books to choose from, and have at least one in every room of the house (smile)...Sudoku is a logic puzzle where you are given a 9x9 grid, which includes 9 smaller 3x3 grids within it. Your task is to fill in the grid with the numbers 1 through 9, without repeating any of the numbers within each 3x3 grid, as well as within each row and column of the full 9x9 grid. You do this by using the few numbers given to logically deduce the appropriate place for each of the remaining numbers (it sounds harder than it is...). One of the things that I really like about this particular Sudoku book is that the print is large - so you don't have to squint to see the print, and you can easily write all the possible solutions within each box, erasing the ones you deduce as "wrong" as you go along. There are four levels of puzzles in "The Ultimate Book of Sudoku 1", each increasing in difficulty. They include: Painless, Tricky, Nasty Migraine Inducing - allowing you to choose which puzzle is right for you based on the time you have available, and whether or not you want to be challenged at that time. The only downfall of this book is that there isn't an in-depth set of instructions at the beginning - which is fine for people who are already familiar with them, but could be a problem for people who are new to Sudoku. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Skill Level Titles MisleadingBy R. WhiteI agree with the other reviews about the layout of this book. The perforated pages are great, and the boxes are nice and big. That said, if you've been doing Sudoku puzzles for any longer than a month or so and are looking for challenging puzzles, this is NOT the book for you. I found the toughest level, "Migraine" to be so easy that I don't even have to fill in the temporary guesses most of the time, and I almost never have to erase! I would rate the "Migraine" level puzzles at possibly "Tricky", but honestly, more at "Painless". I was overall disappointed with this book. For a more challenging Sudoku book, try, Sudoku : More than 200 Fun and Challenging Japanese Number Puzzles, by Tammy Seto.

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