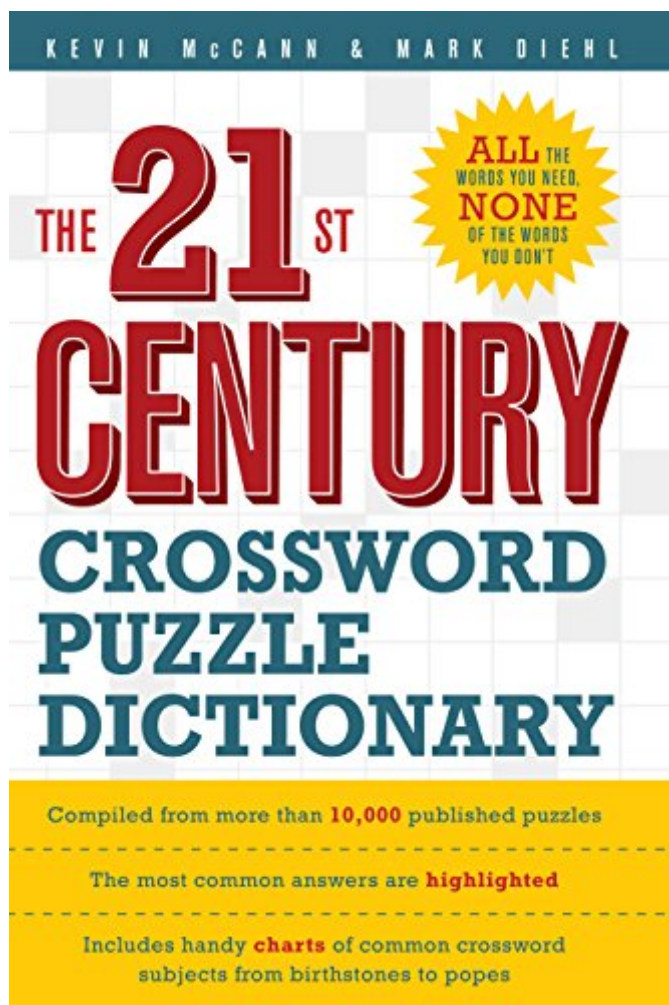




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The 21st Century Crossword Puzzle Dictionary



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Finally, a crossword dictionary with all the words solvers need—and none of the ones they don't! When it comes to puzzle dictionaries, it's the quality of what's inside that counts. Who needs a plethora of synonyms that never appear in an actual crossword? So, authors Kevin McCann and Mark Diehl analyzed thousands of crosswords to amass an up-to-date list of words that regularly turn up in today's top puzzles. To make the dictionary even easier to use, the most popular answers stand out in easy-to-see red, while charts highlight frequently sought-after information such as Oscar winners and Popes' names. Crossword fans will keep this right next to their favorite puzzles!

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The older addition was bigger and contained more information than this one. I thought this would be updated, but all they did was print it on a smaller page and delete a lot of information. There is no updating of clues dealing with computers or texting. If you want a small hard to use book this is it. I don't think it will last half as long as my previous.

My wife is something of a crossword puzzle whiz-at least compared to me. To up my game, I need a bit of help. And though I've only started using it, so far this dictionary does that. This book advertises itself as the most thorough, but concise crossword puzzle dictionary. I haven't checked them all, but from what I've seen, I don't doubt it. Before ordering, when I saw the page count of 1376 pages (which is correct) and only 1.3 pounds, I thought there was a typo. But it's correct, its chunky but not unwieldy. And the paper quality is still good. One possible issue/caution: without my reading glasses on I had to squint a bit to read the introduction and notes on how to read the book. But the rest of the book was large enough type that I was fine even without the reading specs. Two other books you may find of interest:- For those who are definitely serious about linguistic word play should enjoy:~ ~ Making the Alphabet Dance: Recreational Wordplay- A more accessible guide to for a range of skills and interests (from easy fun to very challenging):~ ~ THE Book of Word Games: Parlett's Guide to 150 Great and Quick-to-Learn Word Games

This crossword dictionary is a great buy for anyone who does a lot of crosswords. There are up to date pop culture references, great lists and even an index at that end which tells what lists are included. The most used clues are highlighted. I am definitely glad I purchased this dictionary. I have The Million Word Crossword Dictionary which is a nice crossword dictionary but does not include the comprehensive lists that this dictionary contains.

It didn't have the longer words I needed. The words are very basic as are the puzzle answers. I really like the Million Word crossword dictionary, but it does not give words for puzzles over 10 letters long. I thought the 21st Century dictionary would be a good addition. I am disappointed with the book.

There are some cross word items that are not in this dictionary. This is to be expected because certain puzzles come from sources that do not seem to match the dictionaries. We probably need find a dictionary by another author and use both of them. We find the answer to our search about half of the time.

I thought this was an updated edition of the book my wife already has. However, when I received it I found that it was an abridged edition of her book.

Bear in mind that we are both well educated and in our 50's and 60's. The book is well laid out, well

cross referenced aside from a few oddities, and reasonably easy to use. My wife says the down side is that it references more to TV and contemporary than older more sophisticated words. It is more for small words up to 6 letters than big, more difficult to find words. The look up structure is a bit odd, for example, the reference look up is for adjective, noun rather than noun, adjective. For example looking for rubber shoes, the category is for rubber then shoes rather than shoes, rubber. The good side is it is up to date and useful and the soft cover is lighter than a hardbound book; is easier to hold and use with her disabled hands.

It doesn't help me with the crossword puzzle at all. it's hard to decipher, no synonyms, no languages provided. Sorry i bought it.

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