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The New Comprehensive A-Z Crossword Dictionary



Synopsis

With more than 50,000 new words added-now over 225,000 entries-the world's most extensive, up-to-the-minute and easy-to-use crossword puzzle dictionary is bigger and better than ever! Arranged alphabetically from start to finish, The New Comprehensive A-Z Crossword Dictionary is a boon for puzzle fans young and old-with thousands of updated references from the worlds of art, literature, sports, politics, and pop culture; geographical and technical terms; famous and not-so-famous figures from the past and present; biblical references; computer terminology; new and old words; variant spellings; idioms, slogans, slang, abbreviations ... and much more!

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Customer Reviews

Crossword puzzle aficionados will recognize the name Edy Garcia Schaffer as the co-author of the world's best-selling crossword dictionary, The New Comprehensive A-Z Crossword Dictionary. Mrs. Schaffer's decision to produce a new edition under her sole authorship was inspired by the remarkable performance of A-Z, thanks to the splendid response from the literary society of crossword puzzle enthusiasts. The author dedicated years of painstaking, extensive compilation and research work to bring this edition to fruition. Mrs. Schaffer takes great pride in her accomplishment and she assures that the same proven quality of excellence demonstrated in the original A-Z dictionary has been sustained throughout her ensuing version, which crossword puzzle buffs will find to be a substantially improved and expanded compilation of useful and expedient clues and solutions. She is ever grateful to her patrons and it is her hope that all crossword puzzle devotees will come to depend on this valuable aid and reliable reference, and will want to own a

copy of her new dictionary. Mrs. Schaffer hails from the Philippines originally and has three sisters and two brothers. Due to the early loss of both parents, Edy's ambition to be a criminal lawyer remained unfulfilled. After high school, she supported herself during a two-year secretarial course, which she successfully completed in half the time. Her formal education was later broadened, thanks to an employer's sponsorship of her studies at the American Institute of Banking in San Francisco, California. She then held positions ranging from senior stenographer, secretary, liaison officer, executive administrator to general manager of various trade firms and banking institutions in the Philippines, Guam, and California. Mrs. Schaffer migrated to the United States in 1969, following her marriage to Art Schaffer, her husband of twenty-six years. She is enjoying a blissful life in her adopted country with her loving husband and their children: Karl, Bobby, Lynn, Ruby, and Venus; and their eleven lovely grandchildren: Tanya, Liza, Jacquelyn, Eddie, Joel, Ricky, Eric, Robert, Jennifer, Jade Benae, and Jon Benjamin. Edy is now devoting her time to the pleasures of grannyhood and traveling with her husband all over scenic America. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This is not so much as a review, but a thank you to for carrying it. My Dad is an avid crossword puzzle enthusiast and has used this publication for as long as I have known him. And as they wore out he would go to the local book store and purchase a new one. Recently he was unable to find a replacement because- let's face it- as books are becoming more digital, 'real' books are difficult to find; bookstores are becoming more obsolete. He was tickled pink when I found this one, his favorite, on . It was also less expensive than his last copy he bought at the bookstore. So thank you for helping me make my Dad a happy octogenarian!

As a crossword puzzle fanatic, this is the best crossword reference book I have come across. Having worn out my original, this is my second copy. A must for anyone who does crossword puzzles. Very easy to use and boatloads of conveniently arranged answers. Well worth the investment.

This was purchased on behalf of a crossword addict friend - her 5th copy of this book that regularly is worn out. I think you can take this as a clear endorsement of the quality of this one as a reference source. I had it shipped directly to her; it arrived so speedily - and on a Sunday - as to make a very good impression on her for service. Congratulations and thanks to the fulfillment crew and delivery service!

I am a pretty proficient puzzle solver and usually can find the answer to posers thru dictionary.com, wikipedia etc. I never use a puzzle cheat site. The few times I needed it though it seems quick searches on the web can be just as efficient. There was such a plethora of dictionaries and without being able to examine them before purchase there is a mild case of buyers remorse thinking maybe I could have chose better. Or should I say guessed, because that's what it would have been without an examination of the different choices. It is a definite asset for giving latin, french etc. meanings though.

Having never used one before, I found this to be lacking in answers for the crosswords. When the clue is multi-word, I found it to be useless, wow, that's most of the puzzle. Many of my needing an answer for a clue fit that category. It was interesting to look through.

This is my wife's second "New Comprehensive A-Z Crossword Dictionary". She wore out the first one. She said that this is the one that she likes the best and it is reasonably priced. What can I say, this is the one.

I enjoy doing the Sunday Washington Post crossword puzzles - but I'm not smart enough to complete one without a dictionary!! I had this dictionary years ago but through use it finally fell apart. I misplaced its name and bought another dictionary thinking all crossword dictionaries would be pretty much the same. Well, I don't know if it is just because I started with the original one I had but I found the next one (and then the next two) I bought were confusing to use. In some cases I had to search through multiple sections of the book to find the item for which I was searching. I decided to finally look on to see if any of the front covers "rang a bell," and there it was. The dictionary arrived, and I am back to working through all the puzzles I have saved for the past year.

A more recent edition may have helped with this dictionary. The answers are not organized in the best fashion. Having purchased other dictionaries at the same time, I will likely not use this one very much.

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