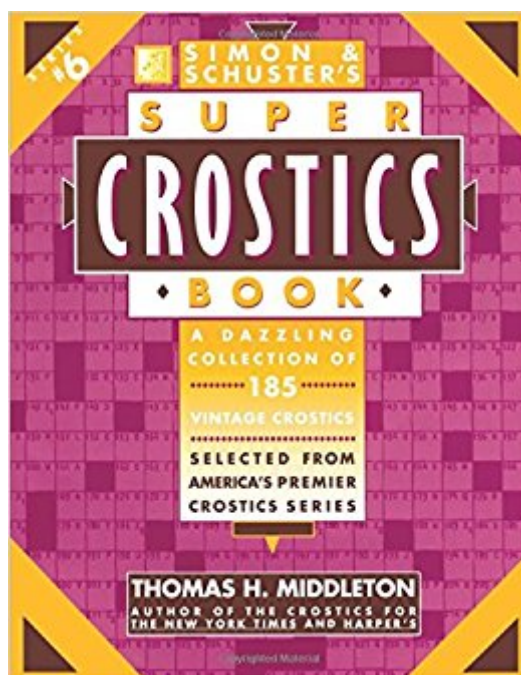


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Customer Reviews

Acrostics are my favorite category of word puzzle, and I am starting to feel worried that new acrostics books will be even fewer and farther between than they are now. If that were not the case, I probably would skip these acrostics from Thomas Middleton. If you haven't memorized Shakespeare (including the sonnets) and are not familiar with other European literature from before the 19th century, you may find yourself turning to the solutions page or looking stuff up on the Internet more than you would like. It's embarrassing to admit, but that is definitely my experience. I also find that many of Middleton's clues refer to usages that are at best obscure -- i.e., clues and solutions I would never link up even when I know what the answer is. Takes some of the fun out of working acrostics.

This is my second Super Crostics Book and they are always challenging. Either my eyes have gotten much worse or the type is much smaller in this edition. You'll need several reference books handy. My favorites are The Million Word Crossword Dictionary, The Oxford Dictionary of Quotations and the Bible.

This is a wonderful book of acrostics. I research many answers on line--and then read the surrounding material! It slows me down, but I learn so much! As others have said, some of his clues are obscure or severely dated--this man must be at least 20 years my senior. After doing a few of the puzzles, one learns his quirks and pet expressions. This is true with any acrostic author. I hadn't realized how much this was true until I reached a few at the end by other authors. This is a big book, and I would recommend it to any acrostic lover. The print is, however, quite small. You need very good lighting and maybe the occasional magnifying glass! I have also seen complaints that this is not spiral bound. Unless you're a pack rat and save completed acrostics, the solution is provided. These puzzles have a fine perforation along the top. When you complete the first side, gently tear it out along the perforation and do the other side. I then pitch the page and go on to the next fresh one. Problem solved. In fact, I find this easier than using the spiral-bound books.

Mr. Middleton' anacrostics were and are very difficult to do. I was fortunate to speak to him on the phone for he lived in L. A., where his passing went unnoticed. I hope some special recognition was given in New York. I would like one of his compilations which includes an anachronistic of mine.C

This is a fantastic compendium of Acrostics of varying degrees of difficulty. None are "easy" which makes me very happy as I always find any puzzle books waste space with easy ones. Good quality but do them in pencil as ink will probably bleed through. Still totally worth it.

Simon & Schuster's Crostics Series offers months of enjoyment for those of us who love Crostics puzzles. It's the best deal around. My only beef is with the cryptic puzzles in which nearly every clue asks an unanswerable question. Those I ignore. Otherwise, this series can't be beaten.

My mother gave me Super Crostics Book #4 when she could no longer see, and I became hooked., One of the puzzles in that book featured lines from William Blake's 'Auguries of Innocence' which lead me to the poem; I wish that this series (#6) featured more poems and quotations from classics

rather than so much from modern authors; can anyone recommend an acrostics book that might? I agree with some of the other reviewers that many of the words are obscure and dated (rattlepate?--could not find it in two different editions of Webster's New World Dictionary.)

While this looks like an interesting and challenging set of Crostics the format is difficult to use. Instead of going page by page like a book it goes from top to bottom making it difficult to sit on sofa and solve the puzzles. I had no idea it was formatted in this manner and would never purchase any Accrostic done this way in the future.

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