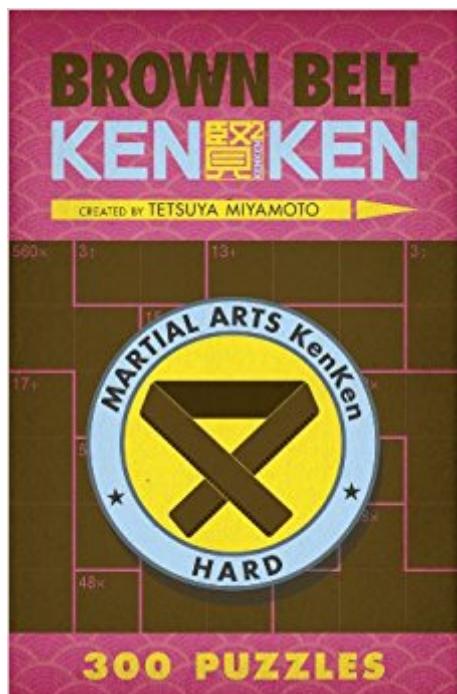


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Brown Belt KenKen® (Martial Arts Puzzles Series)



Synopsis

Are you a KenKen expert? Then see if you have the skills to handle these high-level puzzles!

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Acclaimed Japanese mathematics instructor Tetsuya Miyamoto developed KenKen in 2004 with the goal of improving his students' math and logic skills. This understandable, fun, and challenging puzzle quickly became a favorite leisure activity for all ages throughout Japan and then for millions of players worldwide. In 2008, Nextoy LLC brought KenKen to the United States, and it soon was the first daily feature since the crossword puzzle to appear in the New York Times. Now it's carried in the Los Angeles Times, Chicago Tribune, The Times of London, Scholastic classroom magazines, and more than 100 other national US publications.

The brown belt book is generally level 3 of 4 in the puzzle progression system and the book has 8x8 puzzles and 9x9 puzzles. Unlike the progression system in the first 2 books, this one alternates 8x8 and 9x9 puzzles throughout the whole book which allows for very little if any progression in the book, thus making it slightly repetitive especially near the end of the book. That is really the only flaw I see, otherwise it is very interesting to see how the 8 in 8x8 adds dynamic difficulty to multiplication/division problems and the 9 in 9x9 even further. I finished this one several weeks after I got it, which contrasts with just the first 2 which took me just a few days. Now that I finished the

brown belt, I am very anxious to see if I can do the same for the Black Belt KenKen book.

I rate this considerably higher than either the Will Shortz Diabolical or Atrocious books, both of which contain many trivially easy 5x5 puzzles. This book contains 300 puzzles, equally split between 8x8 and 9x9. They are consistently difficult, without being frustratingly so. The "Brown Belt" title is completely apt - these are not for beginners.

I have been hooked on Ken Ken for years and have enjoyed many many puzzle books. This book has good puzzles and I like the manageable size and weight. However there are 2 puzzles (9x9) on each page and that is simply too squishy. It is too small and I cannot see the numbers clearly. One puzzle per page would be much better. I'd be fine with 150 puzzles in this book than 300.

I am a avid puzzle solver. I love kenken and this book met all expectations. I did not want to be frustrated with killer puzzles but I still wanted to be challenged. This volume of puzzles filled all my requirements. There are four levels of difficulty offered by the publisher. I hope most puzzle solvers are smart enough to know which level suits them best.

I enjoy the difficulty level of the Brown Belt level, after finishing the Green Belt with ease. This book is organized such that each page has 8x8 on the top half and 9x9 on the bottom half. The user has the option to alternate 8x8 and 9x9 on each page, or in my case, I finish the 8x8 on all pages and return to the first page and enjoy my 9x9. This allows me to build up the skills on 8x8 before I tackle 9x9.

Hard!

This book contains 8x8 and 9x9 puzzles. The puzzles are the perfect difficulty for someone who already knows how to work kenken puzzles but wants something a little more challenging. There are no "easy" puzzles in this book. Every puzzle is of the same difficulty. Just to give an example of some of the math involved, one of the puzzles requires you to figure out what 4 numbers can be multiplied to get 3,024 and what 3 numbers can be multiplied to get 384, 147, 225, and 270. I bought this book because I already own the brown and black belt kakuro books and love them.

Lots of puzzles in a compact book--great for traveling. Puzzles are hard enough to be interesting but

are usually not frustrating. I sometimes had to erase and start over but never got to the desperation point.

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