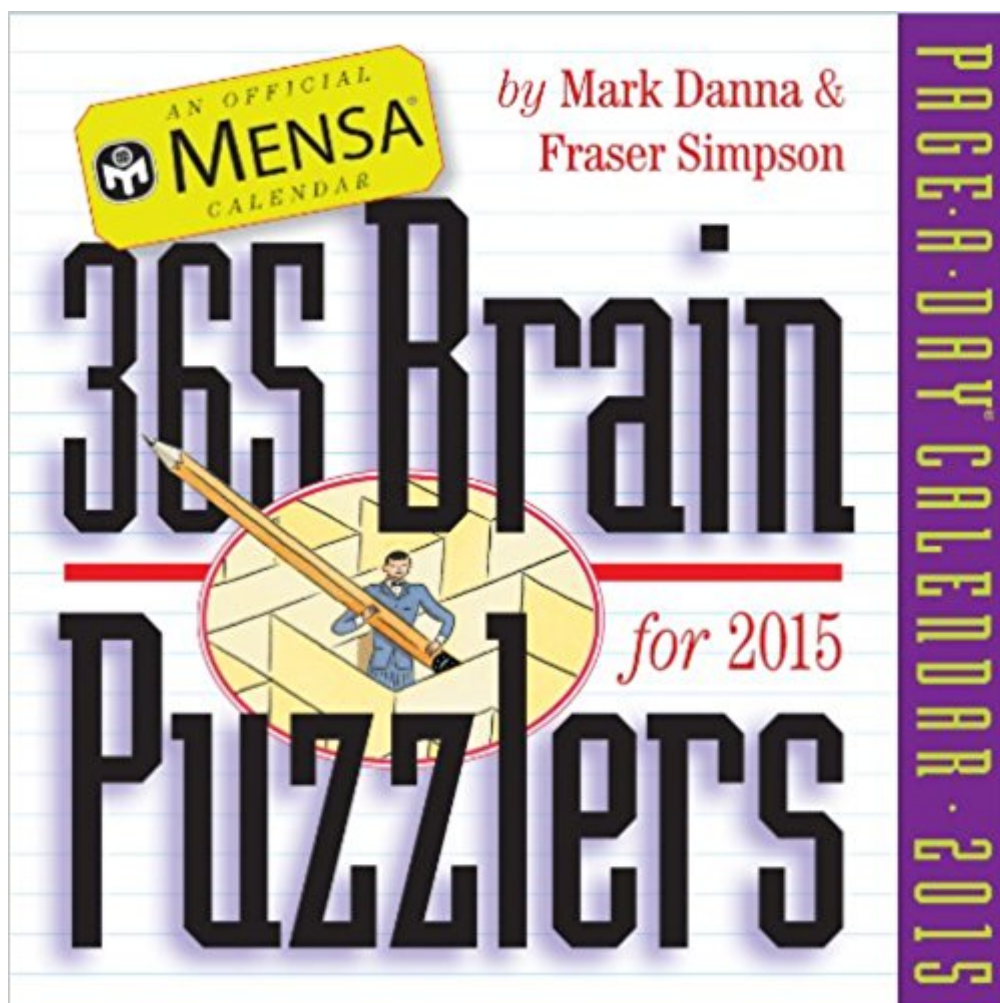


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Mensa 365 Brain Puzzlers 2015 Page-A-Day Calendar



Synopsis

Are your neurons up to the task? 365 Brain Puzzlers is the bestselling calendar that delivers a year of engaging and entertaining mental conundrums tough enough to be sanctioned by Mensa, the internationally famous high-IQ society. Every day is a logic game, math riddle, word puzzle, or spatial challenge guaranteed to make the brainiac sweat. Can you figure it out? No problem—answers are printed on the reverse side of each page.

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Customer Reviews

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This is a great page-a-day calendar if you like to work puzzles. There's a large variety to pick from - crosswords, various types of logic puzzles, math puzzles (some require a little basic algebra), anagrams, cryptograms, etc. The difficulty ranges from easy to occasionally quite challenging. I enjoy the puzzles enough that I've already done the pages through February and part of March. You really don't have to have a Mensa-level IQ or college degree to solve the puzzles, but some of them

do provide a good mental workout. A few word puzzles require knowledge of things like names of past presidents or popular singers from previous eras and such. Other puzzles require a good English vocabulary (for example, one puzzle asks you to name three nine-letter words than end in "ENSION". If you get stumped, the answer is always on the back of each page, and for the tougher puzzles, there's an explanation of how to go about solving it. An example of one of the more difficult puzzles is one that features a triangle shape with small circles along each leg and each corner of the triangle. You then put the numbers one through 9 in each of the circles such that each side adds up to a particular number. The calendar itself is very sturdy and well-glued; you can flip through pages without accidentally loosening them or having them rip off. The only drawback to this calendar is that if you want to use it for writing reminders, there's not a lot of free space left on each page. Short messages such as "Dentist 3PM" will fit just fine though; use bold ink so the message will stand out. One final note; the puzzles are the same basic types from year to year but they are new puzzles, so you can buy this calendar year after year if you enjoy it. I've had several over the years and I've never been disappointed.

This is by far my favorite puzzle calendar of all time. The puzzles will keep you on your toes, but most are solvable if you have the patience, and they provide nice, succinct explanations for some of the harder ones. Unlike most other puzzle books/calendars, this one has about 30 different puzzle memes and each has a creative twist on it. It's not just a jumble, it's a jumble with several 9-letter words divided 3-letter chunks and when all the pieces are complete, another word is spelled vertically through them all, etc. There's some pop culture/trivia intertwined, but only in about 10% of puzzles. I'd say roughly that the puzzles are about 65% language-based and 35% math-based. One caveat: do not get this calendar if you aren't going to be willing to spend 10-20 minutes working through some puzzles. Some you can get pretty quickly, but most require some time to sit and work them out and if that's not what you're going for, this calendar won't be fun for you. I will say that once you get the hang of their style and puzzle types, they get just a smidge easier to solve because you start to learn what steps to take.

I've no experience with Mensa, but I found the celebrity and "common words" puzzles annoying, because I have no interest in the former and often too little knowledge of the latter to solve a puzzle. I enjoy some of the number challenges however. The calendar itself is well made; I just expected more from the puzzles. I wanted to either learn new interesting facts and common equations (common but unfamiliar to me) each day or be challenged by new types of puzzles.

mostly word puzzles...if you are like me and enjoy the math puzzles you will not have much to enjoy with this one. I don't like the word puzzles. They use a lot of words that I do not use, and some I've never even heard of. I thought the mensa book from a few years back was better.

Bought this for my husband since he requests one every Christmas. He loves his Mensa calendars every single year. I usually buy at the book store or etc but this year I saw it online and decided to order and the price was better. That along with the free shipping I encountered for my Christmas order made this a great buy.

I have enjoyed this one more than I expected. The puzzles vary in difficulty and quality. I usually like to have the backs of Page-A-Day calendars for notes and many of these are filled with puzzle solutions, so that is the only downside for me. The weekend is doubled but still has two puzzles.

Hubby loves this each year.

Excellent puzzles, well designed, clear and elegant solutions. Very satisfying and a critical part of my desk job is to take that mental break from whatever task is at hand run through a puzzle.

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