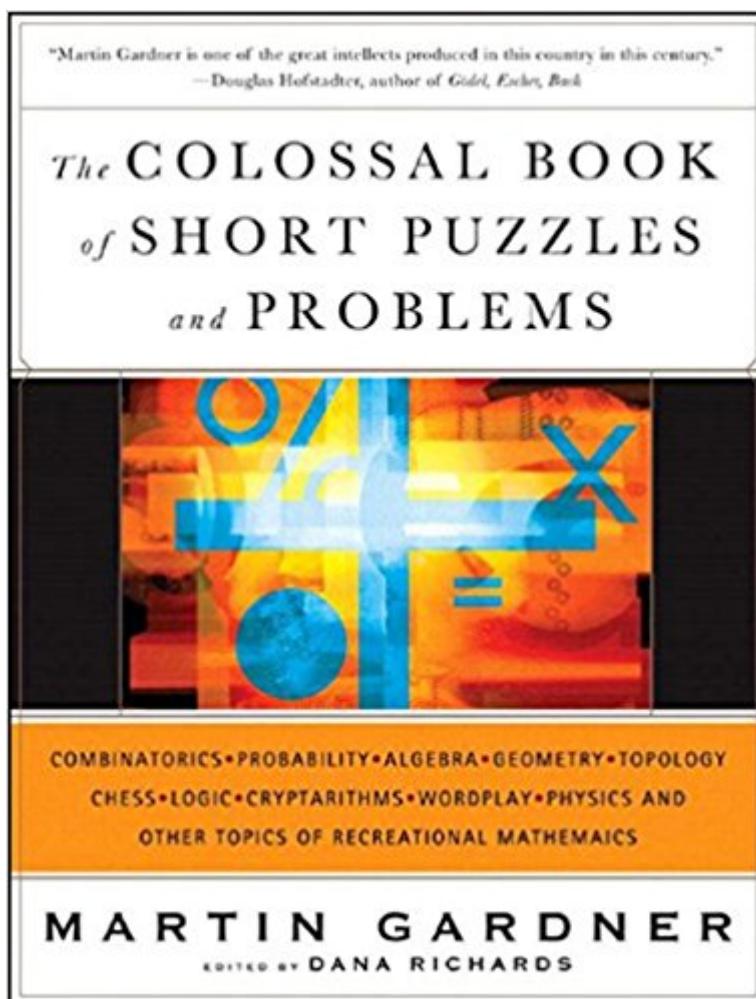


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Classic Gardner!

Thx

Very good puzzles but wordy.

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Great book.

This is one of the best collections of mathematical puzzles that I have seen. Anyone who likes puzzles/mathematics should have this in his/her library.

This is a superb collection of puzzles of all kinds. Anyone experienced or not in the puzzle field should own this book. Martin Gardner is a guarantee for this book's efficiency, and highly educational and entertaining content. 5/5

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