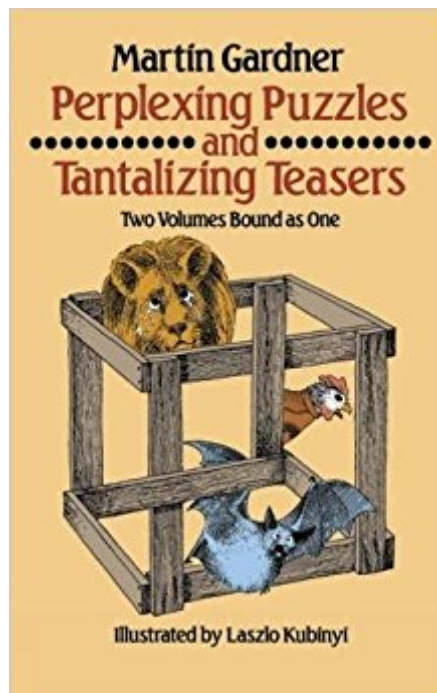




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Martin Gardner was a renowned author who published over 70 books on subjects from science and math to poetry and religion. He also had a lifelong passion for magic tricks and puzzles. Well known for his mathematical games column in *Scientific American* and his "Trick of the Month" in *Physics Teacher* magazine, Gardner attracted a loyal following with his intelligence, wit, and imagination.

Martin Gardner: A Remembrance

The worldwide mathematical community was saddened by the death of Martin Gardner on May 22, 2010. Martin was 95 years old when he died, and had written 70 or 80 books during his long lifetime as an author. Martin's first Dover books were published in 1956 and 1957: *Mathematics, Magic and Mystery*, one of the first popular books on the intellectual excitement of mathematics to reach a wide audience, and *Fads and Fallacies in the Name of Science*, certainly one of the first popular books to cast a devastatingly skeptical eye on the claims of pseudoscience and the many guises in which the modern world has given rise to it. Both of these pioneering books are still in print with Dover today along with more than a dozen other titles of Martin's books. They run the gamut from his elementary *Codes, Ciphers and Secret Writing*, which has been enjoyed by generations of younger readers since the 1980s, to the more demanding *The New Ambidextrous Universe: Symmetry and Asymmetry from Mirror Reflections to Superstrings*, which Dover published in its final revised form in 2005. To those of us who have been associated with Dover for a long time, however, Martin was more than an author, albeit a remarkably popular and successful one. As a member of the small group of long-time advisors and consultants, which included NYU's Morris Kline in mathematics, Harvard's I. Bernard Cohen in the history of science, and MIT's J. P. Den Hartog in engineering, Martin's advice and editorial suggestions in the formative 1950s helped to define the Dover publishing program and give it the point of view which – despite many changes, new directions, and the consequences of evolution – continues to be operative today. In the Author's Own Words: "Politicians,

real-estate agents, used-car salesmen, and advertising copy-writers are expected to stretch facts in self-serving directions, but scientists who falsify their results are regarded by their peers as committing an inexcusable crime. Yet the sad fact is that the history of science swarms with cases of outright fakery and instances of scientists who unconsciously distorted their work by seeing it through lenses of passionately held beliefs." "A surprising proportion of mathematicians are accomplished musicians. Is it because music and mathematics share patterns that are beautiful?"

— Martin Gardner

I bought this book for my eight year old daughter but the riddles and puzzles are clearly for older children. It is a great book for adults though, I found that I couldn't put the book down. Once I got one riddle right I had to keep going to see if I could get others right too. The one confusing thing about the book is that it is split into 2 sections and the answers for the first half of the book are located at the end of the first section (half way through the book). It seems obvious now that I have figured it out but I was really confused when I couldn't find the answer to my problem when I flipped to the end of the book. Maybe that was supposed to be a riddle too??

I received this book for Christmas one year many, many years ago and loved the puzzles and riddles. A couple of months ago it popped into my head and I found it on Amazon and thought it would be a great book for my kids. They are roughly the same age now as when I first received it. After prying the iPod and the DSis and the laptops out of their technologically addicted hands I got them to look at it. They spun it around a couple of times looking for the power switch but after determining that it was, in fact, a book, they figured out how to "activate" it. They seem to really like it. I still love going back and trying to figure out some of the puzzlers. Old School Thinking at its best.

The puzzles are great for my 10 yr old, who can follow the logic (and appreciates the hints in the middle of the book and the answers in the back). Great way to get their minds working. You can argue the logic in some of the solutions, and we've had it around the dinner table for discussion a few times too. If your kids are thinkers, they'll enjoy it as with all Martin Gardner books.

Ordered it for my students!

I didn't find this collection of trick questions entertaining, just be aware of what it is before you purchase.

Great book for kids. It really gets them thinking and it's fun way to get them to stretch their minds trying to find an answer to the problems.

Good.

I loved this book when I was younger and now my sons are really enjoying this book. It is a fun book that requires them to think and analyze. Great for the car and when you are waiting somewhere-keeps my 10 and 11 years occupied.

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