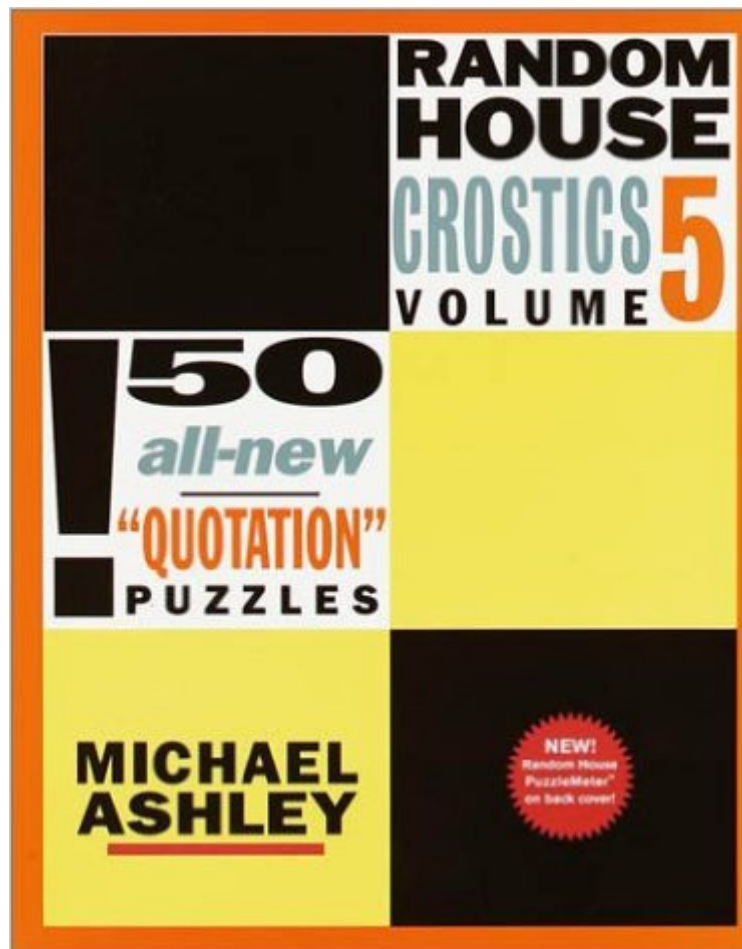


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# Random House Crostics, Volume 5 (Other)



## Synopsis

A hybrid between a book of crosswords and Bartlett's Quotations, crostics are one of the oldest and most popular forms of American puzzles. Michael Ashley's puzzles use quotes from sources as varied as Yo-Yo Ma, Bob Dole, and Dave Barry. Each crostic in this book of 50 all-new puzzles is sure to touch a nerve or tickle a funny bone -- or both.

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## Customer Reviews

Michael Ashley's previous four volumes of crostics were exceptionally good and fun to solve. Michael has given us crostics that don't rely on ridiculously esoteric clues, such as quotes from Shakespeare, unheard of islands, etc. Instead, Ashley uses contemporary clues to solve his puzzles. He also doesn't quote from stuffy writers, etc. However, in this edition, he starts to show a little bit of that "traditional" clue giving, and is not as imaginative as in his previous volumes. Still, he's head and shoulders above the rest, and I look forward to his future editions. Crostic lovers should check out Peter Scher's "Cinema Crostics" for some really fun puzzles!

These volumes are great fun. I find the ones that are modern music difficult but usually can work them out.

Fun and challenging crostics. The puzzles in this book are rated as medium difficulty, with the style halfway between "middle of the road" and "contemporary" (via the "Random House PuzzleMeter"). Nice size with steel spiral spring binding. Pages are good-quality paper that accepts pencil well, yet

erases easily and cleanly.

This is one of the best collection of acrostic puzzles I have found. Not too easy, not too hard, and the clues are varied and imaginative. And, important for someone my age, the type is big enough to see. The quotes are clever, also varied, and worth the effort to uncover them.

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