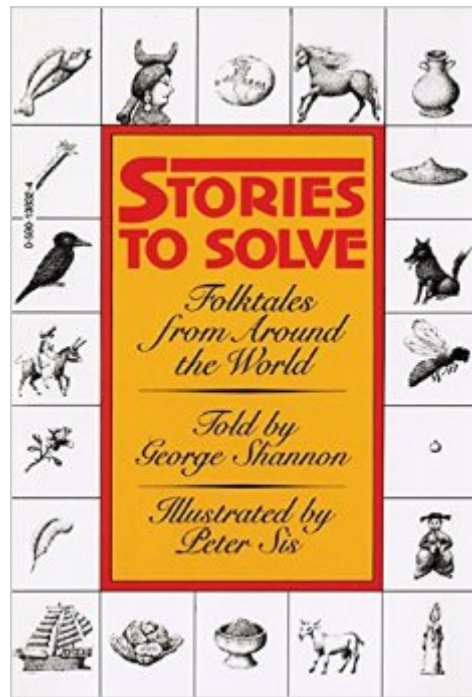The book was found

Stories To Solve

Synopsis

How can a thirsty crow drink from an almost-empty pitcher? How does arresting a stone help a judge find a boy's stolen money? This artfully illustrated book presents fourteen intriguing mysteries from world folklore. Each brain-teasing tale is followed by a simple explanation of the solution, while notes at the back of the book describe the origins of these classic mysteries.

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Age Range: 6 - 10 years

Grade Level: 3 and up

Customer Reviews

I used this book as a summer activity for my kids a number of years ago. One story would be posted on the refrigerator, and left until solved. There was no pressure, and no help. It would just sit there and pique their curiosity. They loved it, and still ask me (10 years later) if there are any more. I'm glad there are sequels now!

This sequel is worthy of its predecessor; it too consists of folktales, very concisely told, that in some sense are a riddle, a puzzle, a play on words ... These stories are presented as problems to solve.A major strength of the book is the variety of sources of the tales - Korean, Liberian, Kasmiri, Russian, Bengali, Chilean, Mexican, Burmese; in fact many of the stories could have come from any of a number of cultures. The illustrations add to the interest of the book for its intended audience.The only weakness is that it offer no alternative answers or requires knowledge that may not be familar

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I just ordered several of these books to give as birthday gifts for my 9 year old daughter's friends, but I had to read through it before we gave them away. Now I may need to purchase one for our house! The stories were fun, interesting and challenging, but not so difficult that my daughter couldn't figure some out for herself. I agree with the previous review that it makes one "think outside the box" - and is a fun and valuable asset to any library!

There are 14 stories, some of which are obscure, but all have a message.There is the classic tale of a man having to transport a wolf , a goat, and a cabbage across a river without loss. His boat can only hold the man and one of the three items. If left together by the man, the wolf would eat the goat, or the goat would eat the cabbage. The book illustrates two different solutions, each taking seven trips to get everything across the river.Another story is about two fathers and two sons who went fishing and everyone caught one fish. Three fish were caught in total -- how was this possible?The book is illustrated and the writing is clear. My grandson enjoys the stories.

This is a great book. We read the stories before bed. Some we can get and some we can't. The funny thing is, it's like an IQ test. If you don't get it the first time you read it, when you read it again 6 months later, you're not much more likely to figure out the answer.

I read this to my third grade class and it really helps their critical thinking skills. The stories are so

fun and sometimes I am stumped!

A collection of short story riddles for children but even adults can have fun with this. A great activity to do with your child is even better. Read perhaps 1 a day with you kid and try to figure each one out. Some are logical, others are just plain silly. Either way you will have fun trying to figure them out.

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