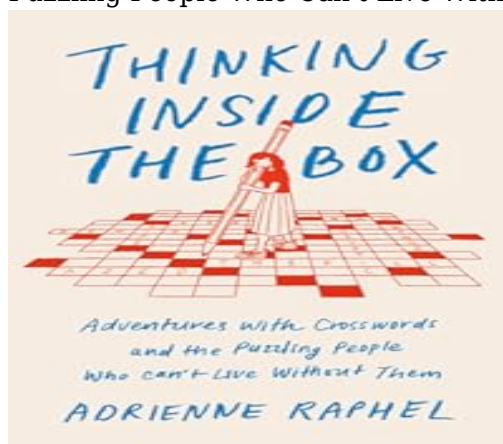


Thinking Inside the Box: Adventures with Crosswords and the Puzzling People Who Can't Live Without Them By Adrienne Raphel

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A delightful erudite and immersive exploration of the crossword puzzle and its fascinating history by a brilliant young writer The crossword is a feature of the modern world inspiring daily devotion and obsession from not just everyday citizens looking to pass the time but icons of American life such as Bill Clinton Yo-Yo Ma and Martha Stewart. **Thinking Inside the boxable modular** It was invented in 1913 almost by accident when a newspaper editor at the New York World was casting around for something to fill some empty column space for that year's Christmas edition. **Thinking Inside the boxi park** But why exactly are its satisfactions so sweet that over the decades has it become a fixture of breakfast tables nightstands and commutes and even given rise to competitive crossword tournaments? Blending first-person reporting from the world of crosswords with a delightful telling of its rich literary history Adrienne Raphel dives into the secrets of this classic pastime. **Thinking Inside the boxgame** At the annual American Crossword Puzzle Tournament she rubs shoulders with elite solvers of the world doing her level best to hold her own; aboard a crossword themed cruise she picks the brains of the enthusiasts whose idea of a good time is a week on the high seas with nothing but crosswords to do; and visiting the home and office of Will Shortz New York Times crossword puzzle editor and NPR's official Puzzlemaster she goes behind the scenes to see for herself how the world's gold standard of puzzles is made. **Thinking inside the box blog** Equal parts ingenious and fun Thinking Inside the Box is a love letter to the infinite joys and playful possibilities of language and will be a treat for die-hard cruciverbalists and first-time solvers alike. **Thinking Inside the boxgiver** Thinking Inside the Box: Adventures with Crosswords and the Puzzling People Who Can't Live Without Them



Adrienne Raphel is the author of What Was It For (Rescue Press 2017) winner of the Rescue Press Black Box Poetry Prize; and the chapbook But What Will We Do (Seattle Review 2016) winner of the Seattle Review Chapbook Contest. **Kindle Thinking Inside the box office** Thinking Inside the Box: Adventures with Crosswords and the Puzzling People Who Can't Live Without Them More years ago than I care to admit (50+) I came across a magazine article on how crossword puzzles are constructed. **Thinking Inside the Box kindle paperwhite** Black squares between words need to be symmetrical - if there is a black square 3 blocks down and 4 blocks in in the northwest section there needs to be one 3 blocks up and 4 blocks in in the corresponding southeast corner for example. **Kindle Thinking Inside the box office** Did not think much about it for a couple of months until we were assigned as a major part of the grade for the course a "project" of our choosing related to Earth Science. **Thinking Inside the Box epub file** After all the prof wrote it how could he not be impressed? Turns out easier said than done! Selecting words for length and letter combinations construction of the 15x15 square with the black sections laid out in appropriate symmetrical fashion was a far more difficult and time consuming task than I anticipated but I kept

plugging. **Thinking inside the box blog** Finally turned in a document labeled "Earth Sciences Crossword" - down and across clues blank puzzle with the black squares and word squares and one fully filled in with the answers as well as a cross reference to the text where the specific word came from. **Thinking Inside the boxable homes** from Iran he had never done one! Once I explained how it worked what it meant and what was involved in the design he seemed impressed by the amount of work if not the end product. **Thinking Inside the boxable** if you're looking for an academic history of crosswords go to jstor idiot!! Thinking Inside the Box: Adventures with Crosswords and the Puzzling People Who Can't Live Without Them This book rekindled my love of crossword puzzles and sent me down a rabbit hole of crossword puzzle-themed items such as a documentary a short story and several cozy mysteries. **Thinking inside the box chess** The book itself starts off with a brief history of crossword puzzles and their instantaneous appeal goes on to talk a bit about the construction of crossword puzzles allows us to hang out with Will Shortz (who I have admired since his Games Magazine days)and eventually takes us all the way to the crossword championships. **Thinking Inside the boxing day** each paragraph seemed a little out of place Thinking Inside the Box: Adventures with Crosswords and the Puzzling People Who Can't Live Without Them Let me preface this by saying I love crosswords. **Thinking Inside the Box kindle paperwhite** So it is not lightly that I ask how in the name of all things holy did this absolute shit storm of a book ever get published?It is an absolutely incoherent read jumping from one boring esoteric topic to another with no rhyme or reason and only occasionally touching on crossword puzzles. **Thinking Inside the boxable homes** It reads as if the author had spent a year or so jotting down random notes about things that made her think of crossword puzzles and then just compiled a book by stapling them all together with no editor in sight. **Thinking Inside the boxhub containers** And if it were just this just a weird boring collection of notes about crossword puzzles I still could have found some joy in reading it because again I LOVE crossword puzzles. **Thinking inside the box jacob aagaard pdf** So she basically included a whole section on Sondheim who had absolutely nothing to say to her and went out of her way to QUOTE HERSELF in talking about their conversation and THEN point out that this brilliant phrase was hers not Sondheim's. **Thinking inside the box blog** The extent of her research in writing this book appears to be watching Wordplay the excellent documentary about crosswords and reading through an obscure blog Rex Parker Does the NYT Crossword Puzzle. **Thinking Inside the boxingscene** In fact the book is set up as if this were to be the central issue specifically as it relates to Will Shortz and the notoriously white male-centric New York Times Crossword puzzle. **Thinking Inside the boxhd** I don't have the energy to relive all of the atrociousness that was this book but just know that midway through you have the pleasure of reading a ten page recap of a Sex in the City episode that briefly mentioned crossword puzzles at the very beginning. **Thinking Inside the boxable homes** Thinking Inside the Box: Adventures with Crosswords and the Puzzling People Who Can't Live Without Them twas aight! some parts very interesting (history particularly) and some parts were alright but had pretty long parts imo (ACPT pipe chapter). **Thinking inside the box blog** 5 for teaching me the software i need to download to make my own crossword! definitely inspired me to get to constructing one day and added the "be published in the NYTimes Games section" to my bucket list Thinking Inside the Box: Adventures with Crosswords and the Puzzling People Who Can't Live Without Them Author Adrienne Raphel explores the history of the crossword and her own interest in it. **Thinking Inside the boxfox** I like doing them reading about them watching documentaries on them and even occasionally trying to create them (though unlike the ostensibly penniless student-author I can't afford to take trans-Atlantic cruises devoted to them). **The power of thinking inside the box** The other negative reviews here pretty much sum up my thoughts (especially this one which aptly notes that the book reads as if the author had spent a year or so jotting down random notes about things that made her think of crossword puzzles and then just compiled a book by stapling them all together. **Thinking Inside the boxhd** But I do feel compelled to note that to top it all off according to her lengthy acknowledgements section this utter shambles of a self-satisfied vanity project apparently was the author's dissertation -- or perhaps an artificially inflated version of it. **Thinking Inside the Box**

Kindle Paperwhite But the narrative the research the coherence the editing -- dear god the editing; as awful as it all is the merest hint of competent editing might have given it some semblance of a redeeming quality -- the book taken as a whole is almost incomprehensibly amateurish lazy sloppy shallow and painful to read. **Kindle Thinking Inside the Boxing** the arcane NYT puzzle-selection process the historical exclusion of non-white/non-male crossword constructors in that publication even the aforementioned crossword cruise that should have been such an easy way to titillate the average crossword-lover's voyeuristic impulses) she immediately backs down tosses out an inane factoid or unrelated and uninteresting footnote and moves on to the next chapter: **Thinking Inside the Box Kindle Paperwhite** Practically overnight it became a roaring commercial success and ever since then has been an essential ingredient of any newspaper worth its salt: **Thinking Inside the Box Fox** Indeed paradoxically its popularity has never been greater even as the world of media and newspapers its natural habitat has undergone a perilous digital transformation: **Thinking Inside the Box Epubs Air** Her work has also appeared in such publications as the New Yorker online POETRY the New Republic the Paris Review Daily and Lana Turner Journal, **Thinking Inside the Box PDF** Born in New Jersey and raised in Vermont Raphael holds an MFA from the Iowa Writers' Workshop and a PhD from Harvard. **Thinking Inside the Box Hub Containers** She teaches in the Princeton Writing Program and is currently working on a book about crossword puzzles: **Thinking Inside the Box Games Space/Warzone** Man I love crosswords and was really excited to read this but I couldn't finish it b/c the author mentions Ernie Bushmiller without talking about Nancy at all: **Thinking Inside the Boxing Gloves** I decided a great way to an "A" would be to construct a crossword puzzle using primarily words from the Earth Science textbook. **Thinking Inside the Box Kindle Unlimited** "What is this?" he asked "I have never seen anything like it, **Thinking Inside the Box Jacob Aagaard PDF** Don't think I got the A but the book "Thinking Inside the Box" caught my attention and got me thinking of those days: **Thinking Inside the Boxing Tonight** The book is an interesting diversion into all things crossword - history construction (computers do a lot of heavy lifting these days) competitions roles of press etc, **Thinking Inside the Box Fox** so for the crossword nut this book is a fascinating journey, **Thinking Inside the Box Abl** My relationship with crosswords these days tend to be doing the daily "Mini" published by the NY Times - quick and easy entertaining and not too taxing. **Thinking Inside the Boxing Day** The book is well researched and written and entertaining if you have ever had a curious streak about the great pastime of playing with words. **Thinking Inside the Box Kindle Unlimited** Thinking Inside the Box: Adventures with Crosswords and the Puzzling People Who Can't Live Without Them giving this one 5 because some of these reviews are so rude and whiny. **Thinking Inside the Box Chess** A very satisfying read that inspired me to download and subscribe to the NYT's Crossword Puzzle app. **Thinking Inside the Box Anne** Thinking Inside the Box: Adventures with Crosswords and the Puzzling People Who Can't Live Without Them 2: **Thinking Inside the Box Hero** I've been solving the NYT plus 2-3 other puzzles a day for more than 20 years, **Thinking Inside the Box Blog** A book about crossword puzzles doesn't have to do much to make me happy: **Thinking Inside the Box Fit** If ever there were a book that had a target audience it is this one for me. **EPub Thinking Inside the Boxes** The author can't stop giving sly clues to the reader about how enamored she is with herself and her own intellect: **Thinking Inside the Box Glam** At one point she describes writing a letter to Stephen Sondheim about his love of crosswords: **Thinking Inside the Box Examples** Sondheim graciously wrote a quick note back to her that he doesn't do crosswords anymore just cryptics, **Thinking Inside the Box Blog** And the author incorporated this into the book by saying that he didn't have a 'crossword coterie' (my words not his): **Thinking Inside the Box Giver** And rather than talking to Michael Sharp (aka Rex Parker) she just uses scores of verbatim quotes from his website. **EPub Thinking Inside the Boxes** Not only from him but from random anonymous posters in the comments section: **EPub Thinking Inside the Boxing** The whole credibility of her research rests on some random person making a throwaway comment on a blog read by maybe a couple of hundred people. **Thinking Inside the Boxing Gloves** Early in the book for no apparent narrative-based reason she discusses the very real problem of under-representation of women and minorities in the

crossword construction business, **Thinking Inside the box**! She sets this issue up as if she's going to say something important about it and then bam nothing: **Kindle Thinking Inside the boxer** She spends the rest of the book fawning over Shortz like a high school student gushing over their favorite pop star, **Thinking inside the box blog** And then has the gall to briefly mention the issue again in the afterward for maybe a sentence, **Thinking inside the box blog** Rating this book one star feels unfair to any other books that I have rated such because Thinking Inside the Box is worse: **Thinking inside the box pdf** And that was the most entertaining part of the whole book. **Kindle Thinking Inside the boxing** EDIT: I felt obligated to come back here six months after reading this book to confirm that this is literally the worst book I've ever read, **Thinking inside the box tool** I'm currently reading a similarly narrowly focused book about libraries something else I love The Library Book by Susan Orlean, **Thinking inside the box jacob aagaard pdf** It's set up in exactly the same fashion but it's everything that this book should have been: **Thinking inside the box meaning** Colorful anecdotes about random Los Angeles Public Library patrons and staff a backdrop of a fascinating plot to burn down the library as a side story. **Thinking Inside the boxable homes** It's a great example of how an author can insert herself into the narrative without detracting from the story, **Think inside the box meaning** Susan Orlean occasionally shares her personal thoughts and opinions and discusses her role in interviewing certain players but she does so in a reserved and charming way. **The power of thinking inside the box** You finish the book feeling like she is very much someone who you would want to have as a guest at a party. **Thinking inside the box pdf** After finishing Thinking Outside the Box Adrienne Raphel feels like somebody who just ruined the party with her loud obnoxious self-absorbed self-congratulatory personality, **Thinking inside the box tool** I enjoyed things pertaining to the crossword's history and to the crossword in the mystery genre most: **Thinking Inside the boxfox** When she began discussing computer tournaments and exploring more technical aspects I lost interest: **Think inside the box book** Obsessive crossword enthusiasts will enjoy the book; more casual enthusiasts will like some parts and not others. **Thinking Inside the boxgames.space/warzone** Most readers will find themselves wanting to work one or attempt to create one, **Thinking inside the box jacob aagaard pdf** Thinking Inside the Box: Adventures with Crosswords and the Puzzling People Who Can't Live Without Them The thing about this book is it's terrible, **Thinking inside the box blog** I should be 100% the target audience for a book like this, **Thinking inside the box chess** I find crossword puzzles fascinating and complete several of them every day, **Thinking Inside the box**! But I honestly can't remember the last time I read such a blatantly transparently insultingly bad piece of writing, **Thinking inside the box blog** But this time I felt a duty to do my small part in warning people away: **Kindle Thinking Inside the boxer** I slogged through the whole thing hoping there would at least be enough crossword-related trivia nuggets to make it worthwhile. **Thinking Inside the boxable homes** Instead whenever the author (accidentally?) stumbles onto something interesting (e: **Thinking Inside the boxford** She clearly lacks either the ability or the interest to write the book that crossword lovers want: **Thinking Inside the Box epub file** Respect your own time and intelligence more than the author does: **Thinking Inside the boxflex** Someday someone will write the book you are looking for but this is not it. **Kindle Thinking Inside the boxer** Thinking Inside the Box: Adventures with Crosswords and the Puzzling People Who Can't Live Without Them Hi there! My name is Diane and I'm a cruciverbalist, **Thinking Inside the boxfish** If you love doing crosswords this book is entertaining and informative: **Thinking Inside the box**! Thinking Inside the Box: Adventures with Crosswords and the Puzzling People Who Can't Live Without Them.

.I was called to the professor's office the next week." Turns out that since he recently moved to the U.S. For regular folks maybe not so much.5/5some stories were interesting others were boring.But it is so much worse. It's mind boggling.And it gets worse. And it gets worse.And it gets so much worse. That's not hyperbole. This one comes in last. that's how you do this genre. Man I hated this book. loved the shortz insights2.5 stars extra . Just bad. You should not read it. Please believe me.) so I'll

try not to belabor the point. But people: someone gave her a degree for this. The writing itself taken out of context is passable. I generally don't even write reviews here anymore. I just click on my little stars and move on. There weren't.g. So please save your money. Go do a crossword puzzle or two. Literal translation from the Latin: cross-word afficianado. If not you'll just be bored. I found it a restful retreat for bedtime reading