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In this book, he has chosen 340 puzzles from his columns of over 25 years. He has selected simple problems as well as medium and difficult. Each problem is supplied with an answer or solution. Often, answers in puzzle books are sketchy; but here we not only get an answer but also a good idea and explanation on arriving at the solution.
The most interesting thing about this book is that it is geared to all levels of puzzle solvers (OMNIHEURISTS). I am sure that someone who has worked only a few puzzles, and who hasn't, will find many quite easy and in a short time will progress to those with more challenge; due particularly to the answer explanations. At the same time, those with a lot of experience will find plenty to amuse themselves.

Along with a pick of some of the best of the columns over the years, Gardner has included 12 of the best brainteasers to have come his way since he stopped writing the column in 1986.

Also, we are given a list of all the other books that Martin Gardner wrote over the years. Along with that, there is a list of selected titles for those interested in more in the world of Recreational Mathematics.

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