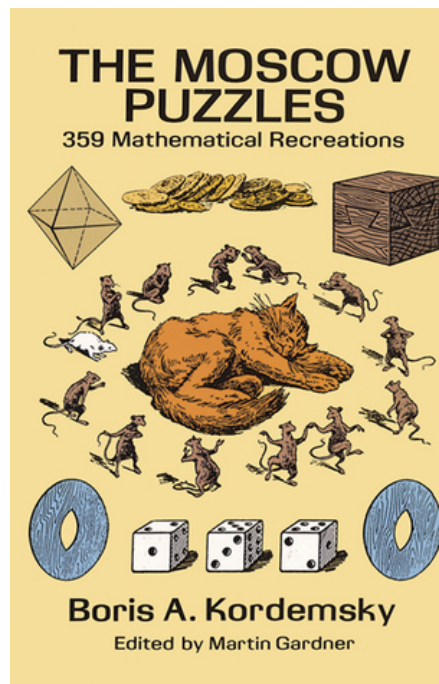




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This is, quite simply, the best and most popular puzzle book ever published in the Soviet Union. Since its first appearance in 1956 there have been eight editions as well as translations from the original Russian into Ukrainian, Estonian, Lettish, and Lithuanian. Almost a million copies of the Russian version alone have been sold.

Part of the reason for the book's success is its marvelously varied assortment of brainteasers ranging from simple "catch" riddles to difficult problems (none, however, requiring advanced mathematics). Many of the puzzles will be new to Western readers, while some familiar problems have been clothed in new forms. Often the puzzles are presented in the form of charming stories that provide non-Russian readers with valuable insights into contemporary Russian life and customs. In addition, Martin Gardner, former editor of the Mathematical Games Department, *Scientific American*, has clarified and simplified the book to make it as easy as possible for an English-reading public to understand and enjoy. He has been careful, moreover, to retain nearly all the freshness, warmth, and humor of the original.

Lavishly illustrated with over 400 clear diagrams and amusing sketches, this inexpensive edition of the first English translation will offer weeks or even months of stimulating entertainment. It belongs in the library of every puzzlist or lover of recreational mathematics.

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Aneece says

Am half way through this book, and cannot find it. I suspect my toddler.

Update: toddler guilt established.

This book is soooo good. It was a pleasure to forget my solutions to some of the trickier problems, because it meant I got to solve them all over again.

My tastes are particular because I don't really care for puzzles in general, but really enjoy mathematics. These are puzzles for future math majors. Many require an "ah-ha" insight in order to solve. Really, really fun.

Joseph Young says

A delightful assortment of classic math puzzles and jokes.

Antiloquax says

A favourite of mine from my childhood!

Maurizio Codogno says

The Moscow Puzzles è il nome americano del libro che in italiano è noto come "Giochi matematici russi" e nell'originale russo era "???????????????? ?????????", più o meno "esperto di matematica" secondo Google Translate. Boris Kordemsky, secondo la prefazione di Martin Gardner, era un insegnante delle scuole superiori sovietiche e un amante della matematica ricreativa; questa sua raccolta del 1955 deve sicuramente molto alle opere in lingua inglese di Henry Dudeney e Sam Loyd - ma del resto i giochi matematici hanno una loro vita propria, mica puoi rinchiuderli in un recinto! - ma la parte sicuramente più interessante è l'ambientazione. I problemi sono **molto** sovietici, con incipit come "Komsomol youths have built a small hydro-electric powerhouse" (che poi devono semplicemente decorare con bandierine... quindi sarebbe potuta essere qualunque cosa). Insomma, il libro è importante anche da un punto di vista storico, non solo matematico.

Maurizio Codogno says

Nuova traduzione da parte di Vallardi di questa opera classica della matematica ricreativa. Boris Kordemsky, insieme a Yakov Perelman, è stato il più grande divulgatore matematico sovietico; la sua opera monumentale

è del 1954, ma divenne nota in Occidente solo nel 1972, quando ne venne fatta una traduzione in inglese - supervisionata dall'onnipresente Martin Gardner - da cui è tratta anche questa traduzione.

Angelo Mojetta ha fatto un ottimo lavoro: ho confrontato la sua traduzione con quella originale Sansoni e per fortuna si vede la differenza: trentacinque anni dalla prima edizione sono tanti, e la lingua italiana è cambiata abbastanza, anche lasciando perdere gli anglicismi spesso inutili. Da meritare un rifacimento generale del testo. Quelle che sono rimaste sono le illustrazioni originali, insieme naturalmente alle ambientazioni dei problemi: spesso il gioco in sé è un classico, ma già solo vederlo con gli occhi di chi viveva nell'Unione Sovietica e quindi trova naturale prendere un certo tipo di esempi. Buon divertimento!

William Schram says

Written in the Soviet Union back in the 70s, this is a good collection of puzzles and mathematical curiosities that are sure to delight anyone interested in math. Contains a wonderful variety of all different levels of puzzles. Not all of them require pure calculation, some require imagination.

FranklinTV says

Seemed like a good buy at the time (hey - it was edited by Martin Gardner). Another collection of puzzles in a slim volume. One day, I might even move past the first puzzle.

Tinh Tipa says

Good and exited.

Tung says

Hay nh?ng vài câu b? l?i d?ch nên khó hi?u và gi?i thích s? sài.

Andrea Cheung says

I carry this book wherever I go. It is a treasure trove of logic and math puzzles for students and adults alike. You can work at them for hours or just exercise your brain for a few minutes while waiting in line or killing time. I have given some of the puzzles to students from 3rd grade to high school math for extra classroom activities. A must have companion for math teachers, students, and enthusiasts.

Ointafo says

As a boy, this book really got me interested in mathematics that went beyond what was taught in school.

Aloke says

More problems in this vein: http://jnsilva.ludicum.org/HMR13_14/A... (HT: Philip Greenspun's blog)
