

## Sudoku #1

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 |   |   |   |   | 8 |   | 3 |   |
|   | 9 |   | 1 |   |   |   |   | 7 |
|   | 3 | 7 |   |   |   | 9 |   |   |
|   | 2 |   |   | 8 |   |   |   | 6 |
|   | 7 | 8 |   |   |   | 2 | 9 |   |
| 4 |   |   |   | 3 |   |   | 7 |   |
|   |   | 1 |   |   |   | 7 | 6 |   |
| 7 |   |   |   |   | 4 |   | 2 |   |
|   | 5 |   | 9 |   |   |   |   | 8 |

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## Sudoku #2

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 |   |   |   |   | 6 |   | 9 |   |
| 2 |   | 7 | 9 |   |   |   | 5 |   |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 1 | 2 |
| 9 |   |   |   | 1 | 3 | 5 |   |   |
|   |   |   | 4 | 6 | 9 |   |   |   |
|   |   | 6 | 5 | 2 |   |   |   | 9 |
| 3 | 7 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|   | 2 |   |   |   | 4 | 9 |   | 8 |
|   | 9 |   | 3 |   |   |   |   | 4 |

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"Time is what we want most, but what we use worst."  
 -- William Penn

And I heard Jeff exclaim,  
 As they strolled out of sight,  
 "Merry Christmas to all --"  
 You take credit cards, right?"  
 -- "Outsiders" comic

## Sudoku #3

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   |   |   |   | 8 |   | 8 |   | 3 |
|   |   |   |   | 8 |   |   |   | 4 |
|   |   |   |   | 5 | 1 | 9 | 6 |   |
|   | 1 | 9 |   |   | 7 |   |   |   |
|   | 7 | 6 |   | 2 |   | 1 | 4 |   |
|   |   |   | 5 |   |   | 3 | 7 |   |
|   | 2 | 8 | 4 | 7 |   |   |   |   |
| 6 |   |   |   | 9 |   |   |   |   |
| 4 |   | 7 |   |   |   |   |   |   |

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*It may be that our role on this planet is not to worship God -- but to create Him.*

## Sudoku #4

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   | 8 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| 4 |   |   | 2 | 8 |   | 6 |   |   |
|   | 7 | 5 | 1 |   |   |   |   |   |
| 3 |   | 9 |   |   | 2 | 8 |   | 6 |
|   |   |   |   | 9 |   |   |   |   |
| 8 |   | 6 | 3 |   |   | 9 |   | 5 |
|   |   |   |   |   | 7 | 1 | 6 |   |
|   |   | 3 |   | 1 | 8 |   |   | 2 |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 5 |   |

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*A lie should be trampled on and extinguished wherever found. I am for funnigating the atmosphere, when I suspect that falsehood, like pestilence, breathes around me.*  
-- Carlyle

## Sudoku #5

|   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|
|   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |
|   | 2 | 4 |   |  | 9 |   | 8 |   |
| 9 |   | 5 |   |  | 8 | 2 |   | 3 |
|   | 7 |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |
|   |   | 9 | 3 |  | 4 | 5 |   |   |
|   |   |   |   |  |   |   | 3 |   |
| 7 |   | 3 | 9 |  |   | 6 |   | 1 |
|   | 5 |   | 6 |  |   | 9 | 2 |   |
|   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |

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Beam me out of here, Scotty: I appear to be trapped in a computer.

## Sudoku #6

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   |   | 7 |   |   |   | 6 |   |   |
|   | 4 |   |   | 3 | 7 | 2 |   |   |
| 6 | 3 |   | 8 |   |   |   |   | 4 |
|   |   | 3 |   |   | 8 |   |   |   |
|   | 1 |   | 4 |   | 5 |   | 9 |   |
|   |   |   | 9 |   |   | 7 |   |   |
| 5 |   |   |   |   | 1 |   | 4 | 7 |
|   |   | 1 | 7 | 9 |   |   | 8 |   |
|   |   | 8 |   |   |   | 1 |   |   |

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"Life must be understood backwards; but... it must be lived forward."  
-- Soren Kierkegaard

## Sudoku #7

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 |   | 9 |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|   | 1 |   |   |   |   | 3 |   | 4 |
| 5 | 3 |   | 2 |   | 8 |   |   |   |
|   |   | 1 |   |   | 4 |   | 2 |   |
| 6 |   |   |   | 2 |   |   |   | 3 |
|   | 2 |   | 7 |   |   | 9 |   |   |
|   |   |   | 9 |   | 6 |   | 5 | 8 |
| 2 |   | 5 |   |   |   |   | 6 |   |
|   |   |   |   |   |   | 4 |   | 9 |

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A record of data is essential: It shows you were working.

## Sudoku #8

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 |   | 5 |   | 4 |   |   | 7 |   |
| 1 |   |   | 9 |   |   |   |   | 3 |
|   |   |   | 2 |   | 7 |   | 9 |   |
|   | 4 |   |   | 3 |   | 9 |   |   |
| 3 |   |   | 7 |   | 2 |   |   | 4 |
|   |   | 1 |   | 8 |   |   | 3 |   |
|   | 5 |   | 8 |   | 3 |   |   |   |
| 4 |   |   |   |   | 5 |   |   | 8 |
|   | 6 |   |   | 2 |   | 3 |   | 9 |

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# Hints

Challenging Sudoku by KrazyDad, Volume 25, Book 57

# Answers

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Sudoku #1

|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|    | 26 | 41 | 7  | 1  |    | 30 |    | 43 |
| 36 |    | 49 |    | 42 | 2  | 37 | 38 |    |
| 32 |    |    | 50 | 53 | 51 |    | 31 | 40 |
| 27 |    | 19 | 44 |    | 5  | 10 | 47 |    |
| 9  |    |    | 45 | 46 | 33 |    |    | 39 |
|    | 21 | 20 | 8  |    | 6  | 3  |    | 28 |
| 16 | 12 |    | 14 | 52 | 48 |    |    | 15 |
|    | 13 | 23 | 17 | 29 |    | 25 |    | 18 |
| 22 |    | 11 |    | 4  | 24 | 34 | 35 |    |

Sudoku #2

|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|    | 52 | 42 | 1  | 43 |    | 44 |    | 36 |
|    | 45 |    |    | 46 | 7  | 47 |    | 37 |
| 17 | 48 | 2  | 18 | 49 | 15 | 38 |    |    |
|    | 19 | 20 | 16 |    |    |    | 26 | 27 |
| 39 | 50 | 51 |    |    |    | 28 | 29 | 8  |
| 21 | 22 |    |    | 13 | 14 | 23 |    |    |
|    |    | 3  | 40 | 4  | 11 | 41 | 30 | 6  |
| 31 |    | 32 | 33 | 12 |    |    | 5  |    |
| 24 |    | 34 |    | 9  | 10 | 35 | 25 |    |

INSTRUCTIONS: These hint grids reveal the order in which the squares were solved by my computer. It's not necessarily the same order you would use, but it's probably close. Follow the numbered squares in order 1,2,3... until you find a square you haven't solved yet. This square (or the one or two immediately after it) is a good candidate to solve next.

Sudoku #1

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 2 |
| 6 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 7 |
| 8 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 5 |
| 1 | 2 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 6 |
| 3 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 4 |
| 4 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 1 |
| 9 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 3 |
| 7 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 9 |
| 2 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 8 |

Sudoku #2

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 3 |
| 2 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 6 |
| 8 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| 9 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 7 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 9 | 2 | 8 | 1 |
| 1 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 9 |
| 3 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 5 |
| 5 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 8 |
| 6 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 4 |

Sudoku #3

|    |    |    |    |   |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|
| 54 | 14 | 49 | 41 | 6 | 7  |    | 50 |    |
| 51 | 9  | 52 | 27 |   | 36 | 8  | 53 |    |
| 42 | 43 | 44 | 37 |   |    |    |    | 10 |
| 38 |    |    | 26 | 1 |    | 28 | 30 | 33 |
| 45 |    |    | 39 |   | 40 |    |    | 32 |
| 46 | 47 | 48 |    | 2 | 23 |    |    | 22 |
| 12 |    |    |    |   | 21 | 20 | 11 | 19 |
|    | 16 | 15 | 35 |   | 24 | 3  | 29 | 4  |
|    | 17 |    | 18 | 5 | 34 | 25 | 13 | 31 |

Sudoku #4

|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 54 |    | 2  | 49 | 50 | 51 | 6  | 45 | 35 |
|    | 5  | 1  |    |    | 3  |    | 11 | 12 |
| 52 |    |    |    | 46 | 53 | 8  | 7  | 23 |
|    | 24 |    | 47 | 48 |    |    | 36 |    |
| 20 | 37 | 18 | 4  |    | 9  | 16 | 25 | 21 |
|    | 26 |    |    | 38 | 10 |    | 27 |    |
| 19 | 28 | 39 | 40 | 41 |    |    |    | 29 |
| 17 | 30 |    | 31 |    |    | 14 | 13 |    |
| 22 | 32 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 33 | 15 |    | 34 |

Sudoku #3

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 3 |
| 1 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 4 |
| 8 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 2 |
| 3 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 5 |
| 5 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 9 |
| 2 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 7 | 6 |
| 9 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| 6 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 7 |
| 4 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 9 | 8 |

Sudoku #4

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 7 |
| 9 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 8 | 4 |
| 3 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 6 |
| 1 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| 8 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 7 | 5 |
| 2 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 8 |
| 5 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 2 |
| 7 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 9 |

Sudoku #5

|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 7  | 4  | 5  | 21 | 57 | 53 | 31 | 34 | 54 |
| 45 |    |    | 46 | 8  |    | 19 |    | 47 |
|    | 37 |    | 20 | 38 |    |    | 26 |    |
| 1  |    | 27 | 48 | 55 | 56 | 22 | 28 | 49 |
| 39 | 35 |    |    | 14 |    |    | 32 | 25 |
| 3  | 9  | 40 | 50 | 51 | 18 | 23 |    | 52 |
|    | 11 |    |    | 29 | 36 |    | 33 |    |
| 13 |    | 12 |    | 17 | 10 |    |    | 15 |
| 41 | 2  | 42 | 16 | 43 | 44 | 6  | 30 | 24 |

Sudoku #6

|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 37 | 30 |    | 24 | 25 | 27 |    | 9  | 31 |
| 43 |    | 38 | 1  |    |    |    | 32 | 33 |
|    |    | 39 |    | 10 | 34 | 26 | 2  |    |
| 44 | 45 |    | 11 | 53 |    | 5  | 35 | 46 |
| 40 |    | 47 |    | 48 |    | 6  |    | 8  |
| 41 | 49 | 4  |    | 50 | 7  |    | 36 | 51 |
|    | 52 | 42 | 13 | 3  |    | 14 |    |    |
| 15 | 12 |    |    |    | 16 | 29 |    | 17 |
| 19 | 22 |    | 18 | 20 | 21 |    | 28 | 23 |

Sudoku #5

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 9 | 5 |
| 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 6 |
| 9 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| 3 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 9 |
| 2 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 5 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 2 |
| 7 | 8 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 1 |
| 4 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 8 |
| 6 | 9 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 4 |

Sudoku #6

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 1 |
| 1 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 8 |
| 6 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 4 |
| 9 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 2 |
| 7 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 3 |
| 8 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 5 |
| 5 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| 3 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 6 |
| 4 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 9 |

Sudoku #7

|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|    | 18 |    | 49 | 50 | 19 | 9  | 10 | 8  |
| 1  |    | 2  | 20 | 25 | 26 |    | 27 |    |
|    |    | 14 |    | 21 |    | 51 | 52 | 53 |
| 6  | 30 |    | 40 | 41 |    | 37 |    | 33 |
|    | 28 | 42 | 32 |    | 11 | 36 | 35 |    |
| 34 |    | 43 |    | 44 | 22 |    | 45 | 46 |
| 38 | 29 | 31 |    | 13 |    | 3  |    |    |
|    | 4  |    | 54 | 47 | 15 | 48 |    | 39 |
| 12 | 23 | 24 | 16 | 17 | 5  |    | 7  |    |

Sudoku #8

|    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
|    | 41 |    | 3  | 42 | 51 |    | 43 |    |
|    | 44 | 33 |    | 22 | 45 | 46 | 47 |    |
| 23 | 17 | 24 |    | 25 |    | 26 |    | 21 |
| 34 |    | 35 | 13 |    | 28 |    | 29 | 36 |
|    | 19 | 30 |    | 27 |    | 18 | 31 |    |
| 20 | 37 |    | 5  |    | 4  | 38 |    | 39 |
| 16 |    | 7  |    | 14 |    | 48 | 49 | 50 |
|    | 2  | 6  | 10 | 9  |    | 15 | 11 |    |
| 40 |    | 32 | 12 |    | 8  |    | 1  |    |

Sudoku #7

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 2 |
| 8 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 4 |
| 5 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 1 |
| 9 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 5 |
| 6 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 3 |
| 4 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 6 |
| 3 | 4 | 7 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 8 |
| 2 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 7 |
| 1 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 9 |

Sudoku #8

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 1 |
| 1 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 3 |
| 6 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 5 |
| 7 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 9 | 8 | 2 |
| 3 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 4 |
| 5 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 7 |
| 2 | 5 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| 4 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 8 |
| 8 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 9 |