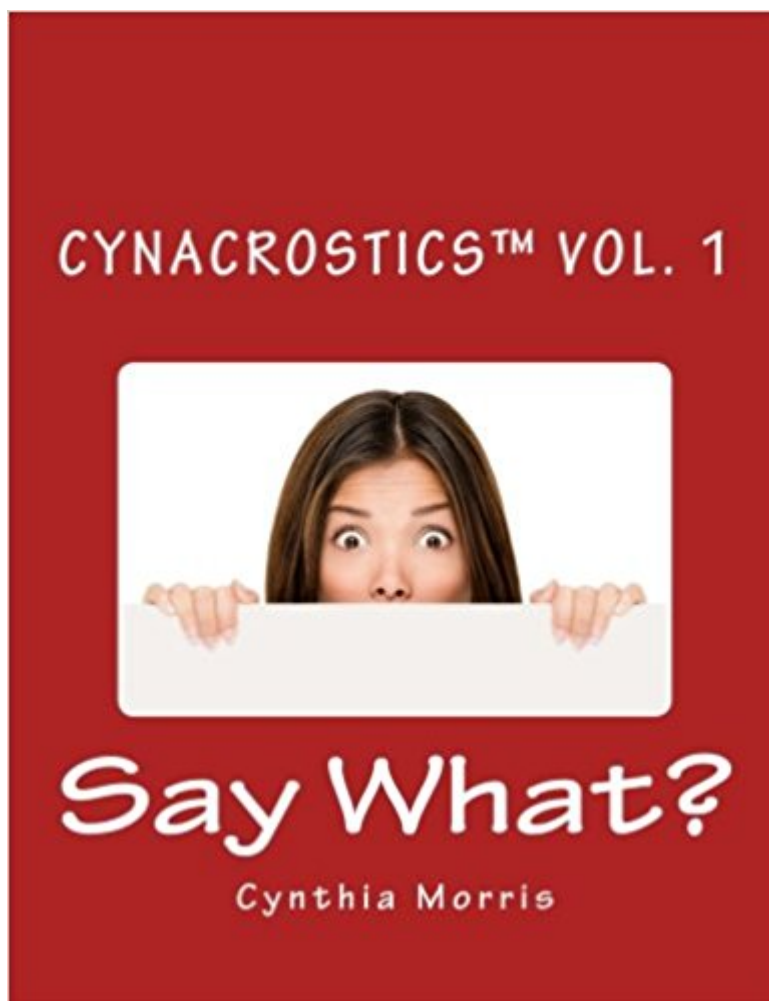


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CynAcrostics Volume 1: Say What?



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Sale! For a limited time only, CynAcrostics Volume 1 is just \$8.95! CynAcrostics are challenging, contemporary quotation puzzles that are guaranteed to get your "cynapses" firing! Volume 1, Say What?, offers 50 quirky quotation solutions from an eclectic assortment of actors, adventurers, scientists, journalists, comedians, and musicians. Quotation sources include George Carlin, John Cleese, Betty White, Rod Stewart, Nora Ephron, Nate Silver, Bear Grylls, Jane Lynch, David Letterman, Arianna Huffington, and Stephen Hawking. Seasoned solvers will love this modern take on the classic acrostic puzzle, and newcomers are sure to be hooked in no time on this fresh, funny, and thought-provoking series.

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with me! Thank you!" - Marilyn Swears

Cynthia (Cyn) Morris has worked as a writer and editor for 36 years, including 10 years as an award-winning science writer for the University of California, Irvine. She has published 13 books, and written thousands of news and feature articles on topics ranging from camel farming in the desert to wormholes in outer space. A lifelong cruciverbalist, she has been solving acrostics since she was 8 years old, and constructing them since 2005. In addition to CynAcrostics, she is the author of American Acrostics and AnimaCrostics puzzles. More information about all three series at acrosticsbycyn.com.

Acrostics are to crossword puzzles what chess is to checkers (at least in the opinion of us addicts). Alas, they seem to be getting harder and harder to find. The New York Times prints excellent ones by Cox and Rathvon, but only every two weeks, and they seem to have discontinued printing books of them, several years ago. The Ecrostics site still has lots, and some of us have resorted to printing out puzzles from the old Saturday Review (which is where they originated): you can find them on Ron Unz's periodical site. So it was a pleasant surprise to find that Cynthia Morris has published a bunch of collections of her "Cyncrostics". This book, along with Volume 2 — CynAcrostics Volume 2: Reel-y? — contain new puzzles, and there are two more with puzzles that originally appeared on her web site (of course, if you didn't do them then, they will be new!). Cyn's acrostics are excellent. Not quite as hard as the New York Times ones, but still challenging. And the clues are often cleverly phrased, with puns and other surprises. And (best of all!) after solving quite a few, I didn't encounter a single mistake (miscluing or misnumbering or typo). As a constructor myself, I know how easy it is for errors to creep in, but she and her test solvers have done a terrific job. Highly recommended.

I just ordered book 3 after completing 1 and 2. These are very enjoyable puzzles - I love a challenge but also love to complete them in a "normal" amount of time. If you enjoy games, especially word games, try these out. I can only hope she's currently working on book 4!

LOVED this book of puzzles! Only moderately difficult, very entertaining.

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Enjoyed.

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