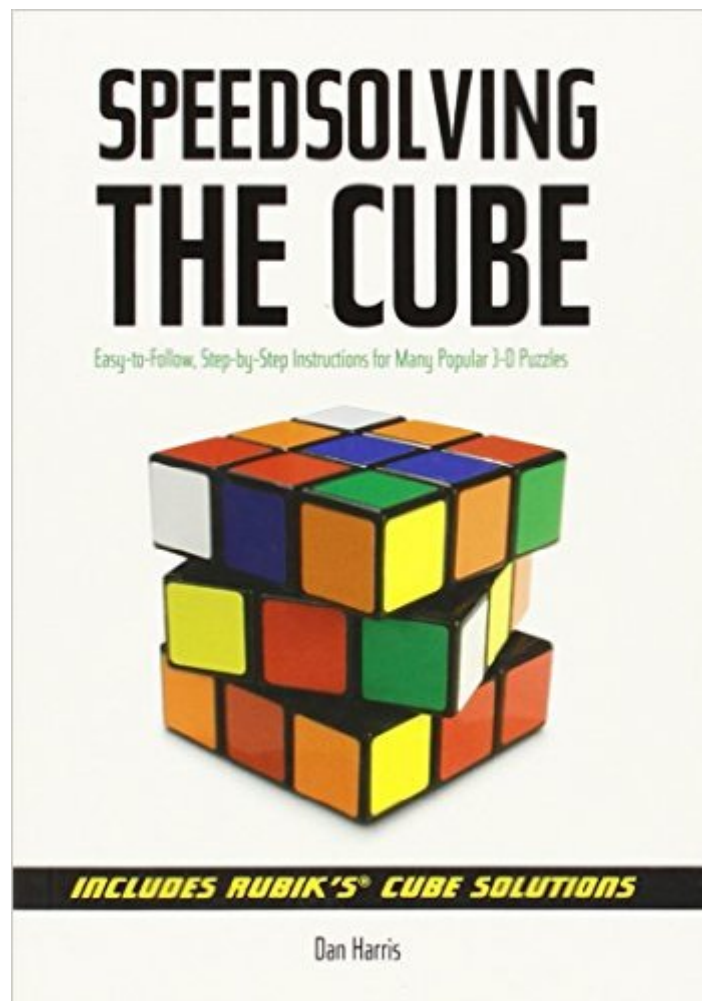


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They call it speedcubing; a mind-bending blur of quick twists and turns that solves Rubik's Cube in times that have been clocked at less than 20 seconds! Today, thanks to the 2003 revival of the Rubik's World Championships, speedcubing is spreading like wildfire. Here, complete with detailed illustrations and basic as well as advanced solving techniques, is the ultimate speedcuber's guide. It not only gives the solution to the familiar 3x3x3 cube (which has 43,252,003,274,489,856,000—that's 43 quintillion possible positions), but also the 2x2x2, 4x4x4, and staggeringly difficult 5x5x5 puzzles. With millions of cubes out there and countless would-be champions looking for tips to improve their times, this is the definitive manual for this unique sport.

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This is a great cubing book. I have purchased it twice because I carried the first one around so much that it started falling apart. I am confident the second one will suffer the same fate as the first; I have only learned 38 of the 57 OLL algorithms for the 3X3X3, and 7 of the 21 PLL algorithms. I still have a lot to learn. I don't see why a beginner should have problems understanding the "layer by layer method" described in this book. The beginner's method I learned was different, but I decided to study and understand this method after reading about it in this book. Now when someone asks me to explain how to solve a 3X3X3 cube, this is the method I refer to, because the book is a readily available, easy to understand resource. The author does a good job of explaining the necessary algorithms, as well as optional algorithms for more specific cases if the reader wants to be faster. For 3X3X3 cubes, the author offers the following: - a beginner's method, or, a layer-by-layer method -

CFOP: Cross, F2L, OLL, PLL - Expert speedcubing techniques including advice about finger tricks and F2L, and VHF2L. The author also provides 3X3X3 reduction methods for both the 4X4X4 and 5X5X5 cubes. You can certainly learn as much from YouTube videos and online resources, but the book is to me, more convenient. I take notes in the margins of my book, which makes it obvious which algorithms I have learned and which ones I am working on. It fits nicely into one of the back pockets of my jeans so it is easy to take with me. I travel for work, and this book has been with me to Hong Kong, Shenzhen, Delhi, as well as various places around the US.

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