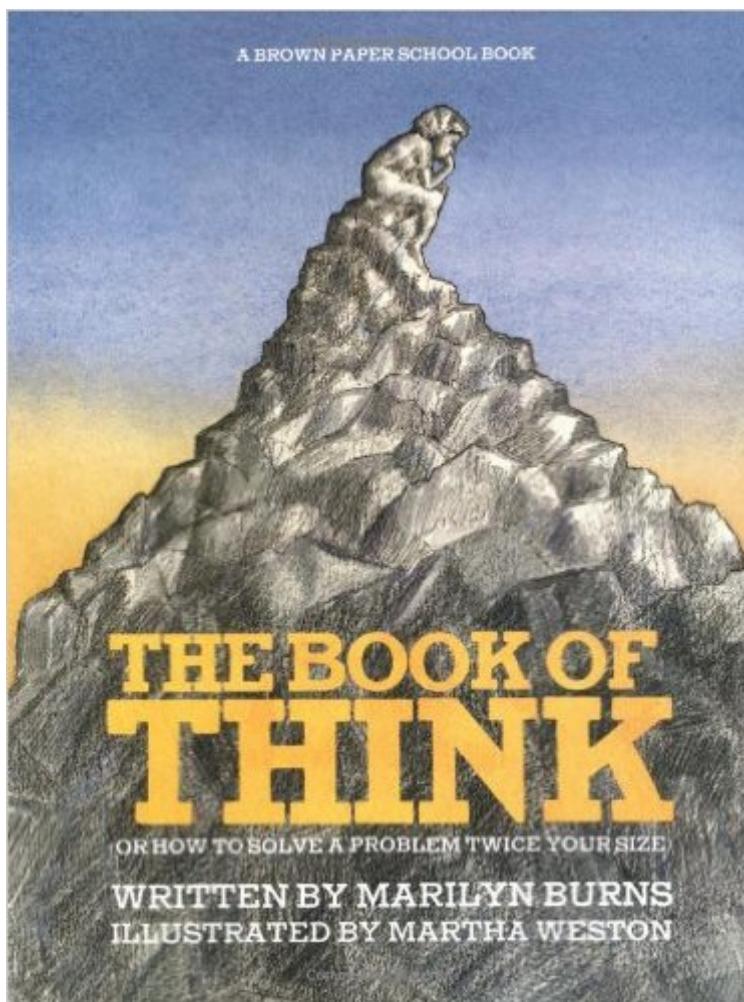


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# The Book Of Think: Or How To Solve A Problem Twice Your Size (Brown Paper School Book)



## **Synopsis**

Compilation of puzzles, exercises and brain teasers requiring the use of problem-solving skills.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 9 and up

Grade Level: 4 and up

## **Customer Reviews**

This 125-page children's book really makes you think by challenging the most basic of assumptions. Some of the exercises are quite simple, some a bit more complex, but all of them make readers consider things from a different point of view, a skill that all too many people in 2008 have utterly lost. After explaining briefly that people often get roadblocks in their brains, or "build your own mental walls," and keep bumping into them, this book first sets about proving the point, and then proposes several samples of mental gymnastics to get one's brain "unstuck." The second, entitled "Looking at what you usually see," challenges ten pretty basic assumptions. It asks readers to try a ten-question quiz, answering each item "true" or "false." Then readers are asked how many answers they were absolutely certain of and how many they guessed. After a week, they're asked to try the same quiz over again. In many more instances than one would imagine, readers answer wrong, and a week later, still get a lot of questions wrong. Similarly, the book instructs readers to "watch out for mental blinders," which prevent problem solving just as much as physical blinders prevent peripheral vision for horses. Drawing a line through nine dots in only four strokes, for example, is possible without

lifting the pencil off the page---only if one thinks "outside the box." Newspapers today are as guilty as school children (and too often, teachers) of insisting that reports may be told only one way. Any news falling outside the lines of "acceptability" essentially get blocked out. This is the boxiest means---that is to say, the stupidest possible---to cover national and international events in a supposed democracy.

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