

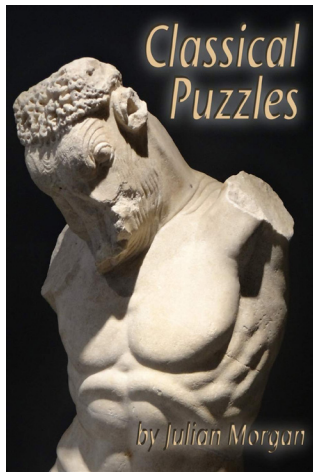
## Book Review

### Classical Puzzles

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Julian Morgan has produced another batch of classically-themed puzzles of varying types and significantly different difficulty levels. The challenges range from simple word searches with all the words or names supplied, through non-cryptic crosswords (cleverly constructed using classical solutions) to crosswords which only those in the habit of solving cryptic clues (e.g. Dido's home could be a flat) would get very far with.

There are sudokus with the added twist of names (Aphrodite,

Brigantes and Olympians) replacing the normal numbers 1–9. Sometimes even the most erudite of classicists will have to resort to Google unless they happen to know how heavy a stone an onager could project, how many soldiers Constantine had with him in AD 312 and how many gates the colony of Colonia Ulpia Traiana had! On at least one page the rubric is as demanding as the puzzle itself (put the first letters of the first answers of each pair in the table below in the ascending order of the numbers provided by the second answers, with the lowest numbers first and the highest last).

Because of the range of demand and the modest price this could be a nice little present for anyone, young or old, with an interest in the ancient world.

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