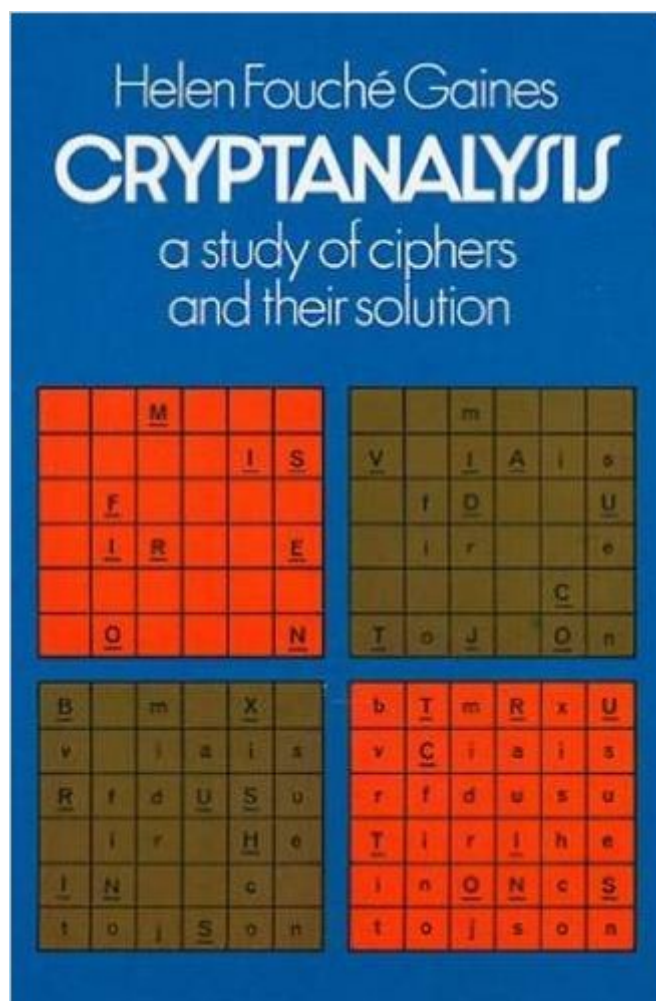


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Early book on the subject but good introduction

This book might ruin sudoku for you.

Outstanding book.

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