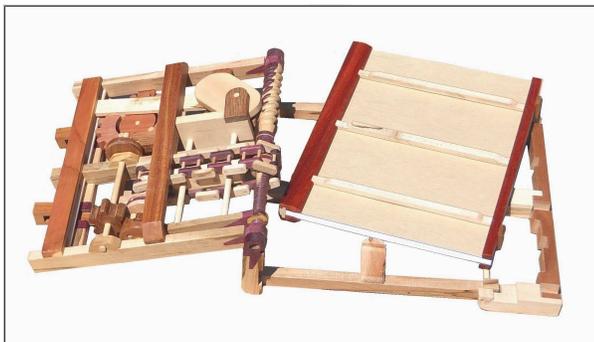


The Stickman No. 25 Puzzlebook (Milestone Book)

The Stickman No. 25 Puzzlebook represents a milestone for Robert Yarger. The production of this book represents 10 years of puzzle accomplishments, his 25th official Stickman design, and over 1000 puzzles in production.

Stickman Milestone Puzzlebooks consists of an intimidating array of complex gears and mechanics that must be solved before this book can be opened. The front of this puzzle has a single knob that apparently is locked with no obvious way to free it. Further deduction will reveal that this knob serves no real purpose and the entire contraption is mechanically operated by some other means. Once this is discovered, the trick becomes to align all mechanical parts so that the two front latches can be pulled out, freeing the cover to open on its hinges.



The mechanics for this puzzle were extremely time consuming. Almost every part is heavy on inlays, and the wooden chain required over a month to craft. This was the first time Robert attempted crafting helical gears, which are unique because they allow differing gear ratios based upon whether they interact with other turning gears or are simply moved against them along its axle. The spine of this book serves not only as a hinge for the front cover, but also as an elongated helical structure that manipulates these gears, and it also

functions to transfer mechanical forces from one part of the puzzle to another through its wooden chain. In all, the spine has four separate mechanical functions. Other gears can engage or disengage different areas of the mechanism in an attempt to line up their parts so the book latches can be opened. Once opened, the book itself poses an additional puzzle component before its pages can be read.

Limited Edition Status: Limited to 28.

Production Dates: (Sept. 2011 – May 2012)

Original Sale Price: \$985

Wood types: Ambrosia Maple, Purpleheart, Padauk, Jatoba

Variations: N/A

Size: Number of Compartments: N/A

Number of Steps: Minimum of 23.

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Instruction Book: (Pending)

Special features: Inlays, helical gears, mechanical chain.

Goal: Figure out mechanism to access book.

