

Sudoku by Thomas Snyder

Rules: Insert a number from 1 to 9 into each empty cell so that no number repeats in any row, column, or bold region.

To celebrate International Sudoku Day (9/9), enjoy this classic Sudoku in the style of the first “Number Place” puzzles by Howard Garns in 1979. The original Number Place puzzles always had 4 clues in each row, 4 clues in each column, and 4 clues in each region, leaving 45 cells to fill. While those grids were rarely symmetric, I made this puzzle with symmetry in mind. I also hid a special theme across the missing numbers. Can you catch onto the theme as you solve?

		1		6			4	5
	4		1		3			2
3		5		2		1		
	1		5		2		3	
4		3				2		7
	2		3		4		1	
		2		3		4		1
6			7		1		2	
1	5			8		6		

Where It Started and Where It Is Going?