

In honor of puzzles and games everywhere, National Puzzle Day was initiated more than a decade ago as a way to bring people together in the spirit of play and communal fun. But a day goes by so quickly! How about we celebrate National Puzzle Month instead?

Barnes & Noble, Penny Press, Dell Magazines, and Daily POP Crosswords are teaming up to bring you a ton of interactive and rousing activities which are sure to make you think. Join us in the celebration of puzzle fun as you exercise your brain and embrace the challenge!

Crossword 1

ACROSS

1. Amy's instrument on "The Big Bang Theory"
5. "Patriot Games" novelist Clancy
8. "Three to ___ Deadly" (Janet Evanovich novel featuring Stephanie Plum)
11. Cookie shaped like two of its letters
12. Chapter of history
13. A handful
14. Writer whose novels are the basis of the "Rizzoli & Isles" TV series (2 wds.)
17. Much-used computer key
18. Commodity from abroad
19. Sheryl Crow's "Leaving ___ Vegas"
20. On a cruise (2 wds.)
23. "Not this again!"
24. Mark Haddon's "A ___ of Bother"
25. Bus schedule paths (Abbr.)
26. Writer whose

novels are the basis of the "Bones" TV series (2 wds.)

30. "Downton Abbey" title
31. "___ Karenina" (Keira Knightley film based on a Tolstoy novel)
32. Flight's landing approximation (Abbr.)
33. Excited, with "up"
35. Lamb's cry
38. Big name in snazzy suits
40. Apple touchscreen tablets
42. Writer whose novels are the basis of the "Outlander" TV series (2 wds.)
45. Country lodges
46. "Veep" network
47. Storybook meanie

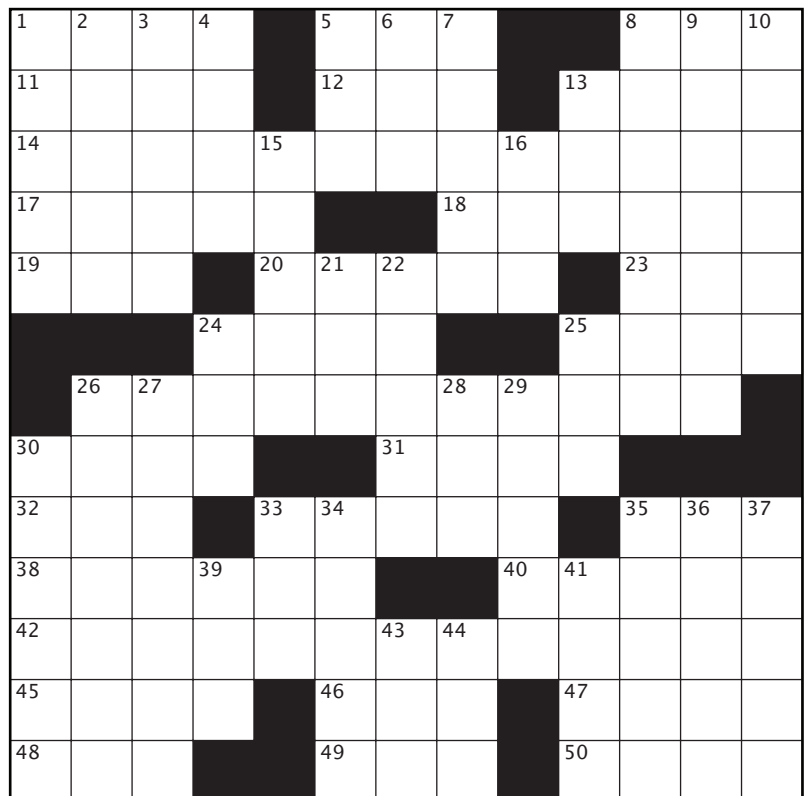
48. "Unforgettable" singer ___ King Cole
49. Steeped beverage
50. Antelope's playmate, in song

DOWN

1. "___ on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet" (Jamie Ford bestselling novel)
2. Sports venue with tiered seating
3. Puts one's feet up
4. Sit for a portrait
5. Simple shirt
6. NHL defensive great Bobby
7. "The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing" writer Kondo

Book Smarts

by Pam Amick Klawitter



8. Take a turn for the worse, in slang (2 wds.)
9. Comes into view
10. Column after a decimal point
13. Valvoline rival brand
15. Boardroom diagram
16. "___ little teapot ..." (2 wds.)
21. Mattel product
22. Wristwatch part
24. Barnyard pen
25. "His Master's Voice" record label
26. Hurricane documented in Spike Lee's "When the Levees Broke"
27. "Goody Two Shoes" singer (2 wds.)
28. WSW's directional opposite
29. E.M. Forster's "A Passage to ___"
30. Usher to a seat (2 wds.)
33. "Gimme ___!" (Alabama cheerleader's cry) (2 wds.)
34. Pop band They ___ Be Giants
35. "The Red ___ of Courage" (classic Stephen Crane novel)
36. Love to pieces
37. Actor Ed who voices the curmudgeonly homeowner in "Up"
39. "Jeopardy!" monitor display (Abbr.)
41. Walk with effort
43. President on a penny, for short
44. ___ constrictor (large snake)

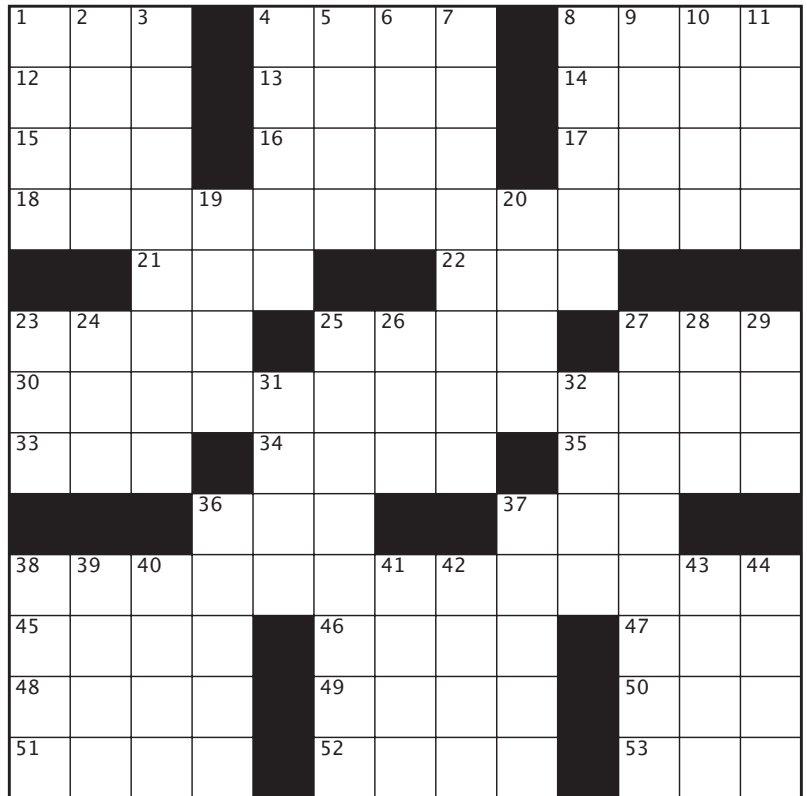
Crossword 2

ACROSS

1. Mom's partner
4. New York politician who wrote the 1984 memoir "Mayor"
8. Spoil the surprise
12. Back in the day
13. Mystery writer ___ Stanley Gardner
14. Puerto ___
15. Use needle and thread
16. March Madness sports group (Abbr.)
17. MasterCard alternative, familiarly
18. 1954 novel by 38-Across about the Huggins family (3 wds.)
21. "Fun with Dick and Jane" actress Leoni
22. First ___ kit
23. Ancient Roman poet who wrote "Metamorphoses"
25. Trivia book entry
27. "The Orphan's Tale" novelist Jenoff
30. 1968 novel by 38-Across about the Quimby family (3 wds.)
33. "Cakes and ___" (W. Somerset Maugham novel)
34. "For ___ with Love and Squalor" (short story by J.D. Salinger)
35. Paul ___ (Lorelai Gilmore's dog)
36. "The Prince of Tides" novelist Conroy
37. "Erin Burnett OutFront" channel
38. Children's author of 18- and 30-Across who turned 102 on April 12, 2018 (2 wds.)
45. "Iliad" war god
46. ___ code (part of a phone number)
47. Miss Piggy's favorite French pronoun

Book Smarts

by Patti Varol



48. The FBI's Cyber's Most Wanted, e.g.
49. Pre-World Series event, for short
50. Mind reader's knack, for short
51. "Blade Runner 2049" actor Jared
52. "Their ___ Were Watching God" (Zora Neale Hurston novel)
53. The "S" of TBS and CBS (Abbr.)
5. Type of whale featured in the 2013 documentary "Blackfish"
6. "The ___ of the Cave Bear" (first novel in Jean Auel's "Earth's Children" series)
7. Aspirin target
8. One of Pippi
9. Out on a ___ (taking a risk)
10. Unreturned tennis serves
11. Shaped like a smart car
19. Start all over
20. Solemn event
23. "... good witch ___ bad witch?" (2 wds.)
24. Actor Kilmer of "Top Gun"
25. Place for speedsters on a highway (2 wds.)
26. 24/7 money source
27. Aliases for writers (2 wds.)
28. Query
29. New York City subway overseer, for short
31. Close by
32. Piece of glass
36. Basil-based pasta sauce
37. Schoolroom group
38. "___ Four" (memoir by former pitcher Jim Bouton)
39. New York's ___ Canal
40. Sleeveless garment
41. Every 12 months (Abbr.)
42. Gospel singer Winans
43. Like blushing cheeks
44. Pup squeaks

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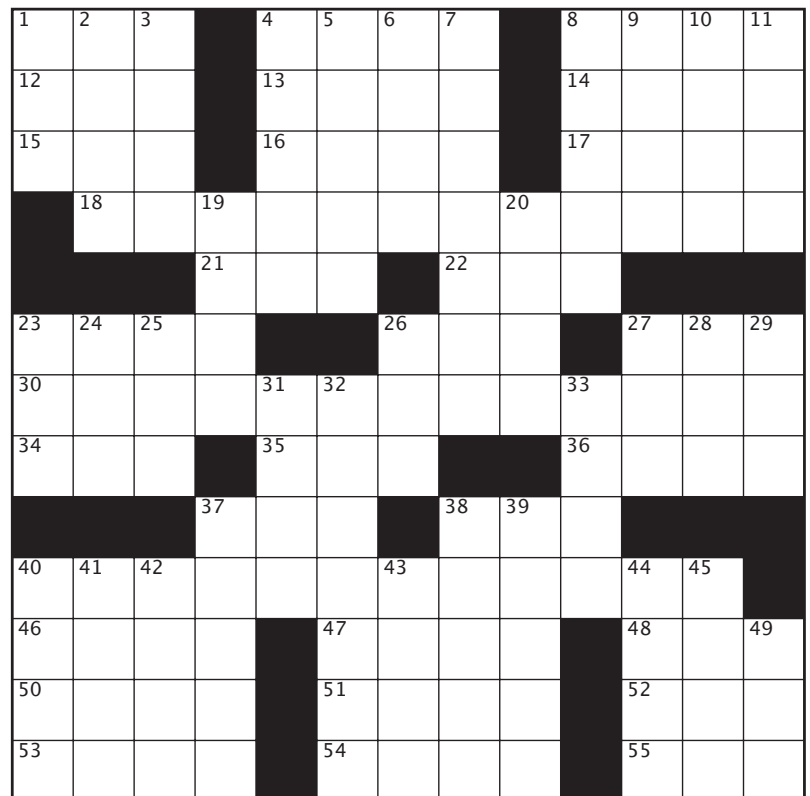
Crossword 3

ACROSS

1. Do some sums
4. German writer Thomas who won the 1929 Nobel Prize for Literature
8. Fifth Avenue retailer
12. Opposite of "post-"
13. "Fly ___ Home" (Jennifer Weiner novel)
14. "Bend the ___" (Daenerys's command to Jon Snow in "Game of Thrones")
15. Chum
16. Sort in order of importance
17. Creative spark
18. Author of "Gone Girl," a novel adapted into a film starring Rosamund Pike (2 wds.)
21. Enjoy a meal
22. Under the weather
23. Berry in a smoothie
26. Competition surface in "I, Tonya"
27. "The ___ and the Id" (Sigmund Freud work)
30. Author of "Girl, Interrupted," a memoir adapted into a film starring Winona Ryder (2 wds.)
34. Letters on catcher Yadier Molina's cap
35. 100 years (Abbr.)
36. "Advise & Consent" director Preminger
37. Dr. Seuss classic "And to Think That I ___ It on Mulberry Street"
38. Identifying disk on a dog collar
40. Author of "The Girl on the Train," a novel adapted into a film starring Emily Blunt (2 wds.)
46. Shrek, e.g.
47. Frozen drink brand
48. Home of Minor League Baseball's Birmingham Barons (Abbr.)
50. "The Stranger Beside Me" crime writer Ann
51. Traditional Scottish dance

Book Smarts

by Angela Olson Halsted



52. "The Joy Luck Club" novelist Amy

53. Chore

54. Poet St. Vincent Millay

55. 911 responder in an ambulance (Abbr.)

DOWN

1. Program opened with a fingertip
2. Tiresome chore
3. Place to buy a ham on rye
4. Actress Gibbs of "The Jeffersons"
5. Look forward to
6. "Peter Pan" dog
7. NBA player whose home court is in Madison Square Garden (2 wds.)
8. Aptitude
9. Pop art pioneer Warhol
10. Sharp-edged
11. Actor Connery who was the first James Bond

19. Luke's twin sister in the "Star Wars" films

20. Tiny biting critter

23. Biblical beast

24. Use the scissors on

25. Communication system used at Gallaudet University (Abbr.)

26. "Enduring Love" novelist McEwan

27. Educated guess (Abbr.)

28. Tom Robbins's "Even Cowgirls ___ the Blues"

29. Japanese artist and activist Yoko

31. March Madness organization (Abbr.)

32. Employee filling out first-day paperwork (2 wds.)

33. Former Yankee Berra who once declared, "You can observe a lot by watching"

37. Smooth and glossy

38. Seventhgrader, usually

39. "The Jungle Book" wolf whose name symbolizes leadership to Boy Scouts

40. City with piers

41. Water in Oaxaca

42. Internet addresses (Abbr.)

43. Got 100% on

44. Statistician Silver who wrote "The Signal and the Noise"

45. Poetry performance event

49. Insect that lives in a colony

Rhyme Scheme

The answer to each clue is a famous novel, but with one of its words changed to a rhyme.

Example: *An Ernest Hemingway novel about a senior citizen who keeps a honey-gathering insect as a pet.*

(Answer: THE OLD MAN AND THE BEE)

1. A Laura Ingalls Wilder novel about a small rodent in an open field.
2. A J.D. Salinger novel about what happens when the guy squatting behind home plate begins to levitate.
3. A John Steinbeck novel about extremely vengeful gorillas.
4. A Nathaniel Hawthorne novel about a cardigan knitted from wool of a deep red color.
5. A William Faulkner novel about twelve people in a courtroom who must decide the guilt or innocence of somebody based on a particular noise.
6. An Agatha Christie novel about an exotic train transporting a large steel beam.
7. A Kurt Vonnegut novel about a kitchen tool used by felines to serve soup.
8. A Mark Twain novel about a type of alcohol made from a particular kind of fruit.
9. A Jack London novel about somebody saying "Mommmmmmy! Mommmmmmy!"
10. A Madeleine L'Engle novel about green goo in need of ironing.
11. A George Orwell novel about a magical device that makes creatures of all species love you.
12. A William Golding novel about the god worshipped by agents in the CIA.
13. A David Foster Wallace novel about someone who visits your home and stays forever and ever.
14. A Charles Dickens novel about a pair of adorable little baby cats.
15. An Amy Tan novel about a happy, fortunate blunder.

Phrase Craze

A. Travel back to your youthful days and try to decipher these children's stories.

1.



2.



3.

H&&L & Gr8L

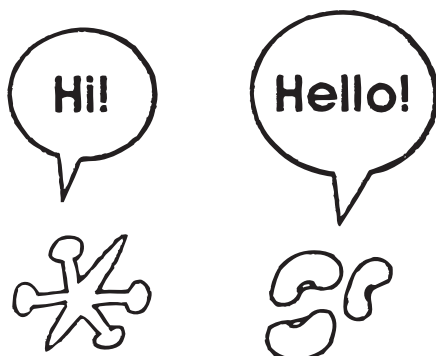
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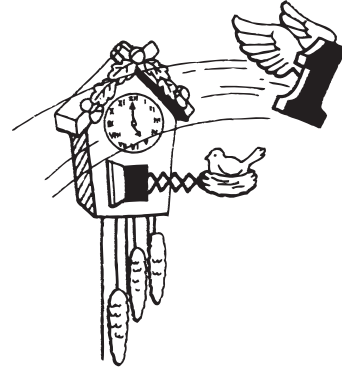
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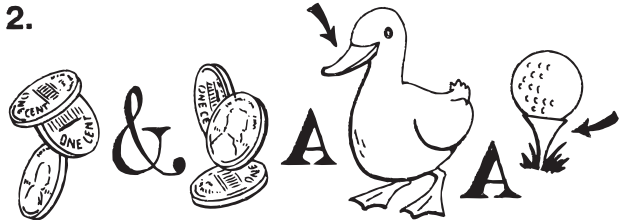


B. Do you know the classics? Find out by deciphering these classic novels.

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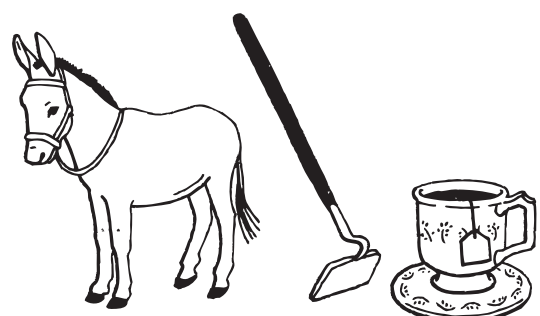
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4.



5.



Word Seek

The titles of famous bestsellers have been split in two and scattered throughout this grid. Can you find them all? One title has been circled to start you off.

ANIMAL
FARMGOODNIGHT
MOONANNA
KARENINAINVISIBLE
MANATLAS
SHRUGGEDJANE
EYREBLACK
BEAUTYLONESOME
DOVEBREAKING
DAWNLOVE
STORYBRIDESHEAD
REVISITEDNATIVE
SONDON
QUIXOTESOPHIE'S
CHOICEENDER'S
GAMETOBACCO
ROADFINNEGANS
WAKEWATERSHIP
DOWNGONE ✓
GIRL ✓WUTHERING
HEIGHTS

T	Y	R	O	T	S	B	G	A	W	C	E	V	O	D
M	H	E	I	G	H	T	S	D	U	Y	P	V	M	N
U	R	B	S	E	R	Y	N	A	T	I	V	E	O	Q
L	D	A	W	N	U	T	J	E	H	L	E	S	O	L
K	O	I	F	D	G	U	A	H	E	Y	N	E	N	Q
F	I	N	N	E	G	A	N	S	R	F	M	I	E	L
Q	P	V	E	R	E	E	E	E	I	A	N	H	T	G
O	K	I	N	S	D	B	V	D	N	O	D	P	O	C
O	M	S	H	U	O	I	R	I	G	T	G	O	X	O
L	R	I	G	S	S	M	N	R	O	A	D	S	I	Q
V	B	B	A	I	R	E	E	B	H	N	M	E	U	J
E	K	L	T	B	R	E	A	K	I	N	G	E	Q	E
K	T	E	A	A	K	C	T	G	L	A	M	I	N	A
A	D	S	K	C	C	K	H	A	E	C	I	O	H	C
W	C	Q	J	O	K	T	D	O	W	N	G	H	K	E

Partners

Unscramble the words and match these literary Partners.

1. N A E S B R

_____ & _____

a. T J U E I L

2. O E R M O

_____ & _____

b. D H E Y

3. S A H L N E

_____ & _____

c. O L B E N

4. H S L E O M

_____ & _____

d. E N J A

5. L Y E J K L

_____ & _____

e. O T W A N S

6. A Z R N A T

_____ & _____

f. R E L T E G

Changaword

Can you change the top word into the bottom word in each column in the number of steps indicated in parentheses? Change only one letter at a time and do not change the order of the letters. Proper names, slang, and obsolete words are not allowed.

1. READ (5 steps)

2. BOOK (5 steps)

BOOK

MARK

Bits and Pieces

Can you identify these best-selling authors from the Bits and Pieces shown in the boxes? The first names are always on the top and the last names on the bottom.

1.

G	A	T
H	R	I

2.

E	L	L
S	T	E

3.

D	E	A
N	T	Z

4.

E	P	H
K	I	N

5.

L	I	A
K	E	S

6.

C	K	I
O	L	L

Drop-Outs

The answer to each clue is the name of a famous person or character whose initials in the clue have been replaced with asterisks. For example, “T*e Cat*her in the Rye” character (“tHe catCher in the rye” character, initials HC) is Holden Caulfield.

1. Author known for his *udiciary/le*al thrillers _____

2. Thanks to Oscar Wilde, this character’s soul win*s up in a paintin* _____

3. He solves my*teries penned by Sir Art*ur Conan Doyle _____

4. Virginia Woolf’s famous “Mrs.” chara*ter from Lon*on _____

5. “Br*ve New World” aut*or _____

Jigsaw Puzzle

When you have put the pieces of the Jigsaw Puzzle into their correct places in the diagram, they will form the names of literary genres reading across each line. Do not turn the pieces. The heavy lines in the diagram will help you locate their proper places.

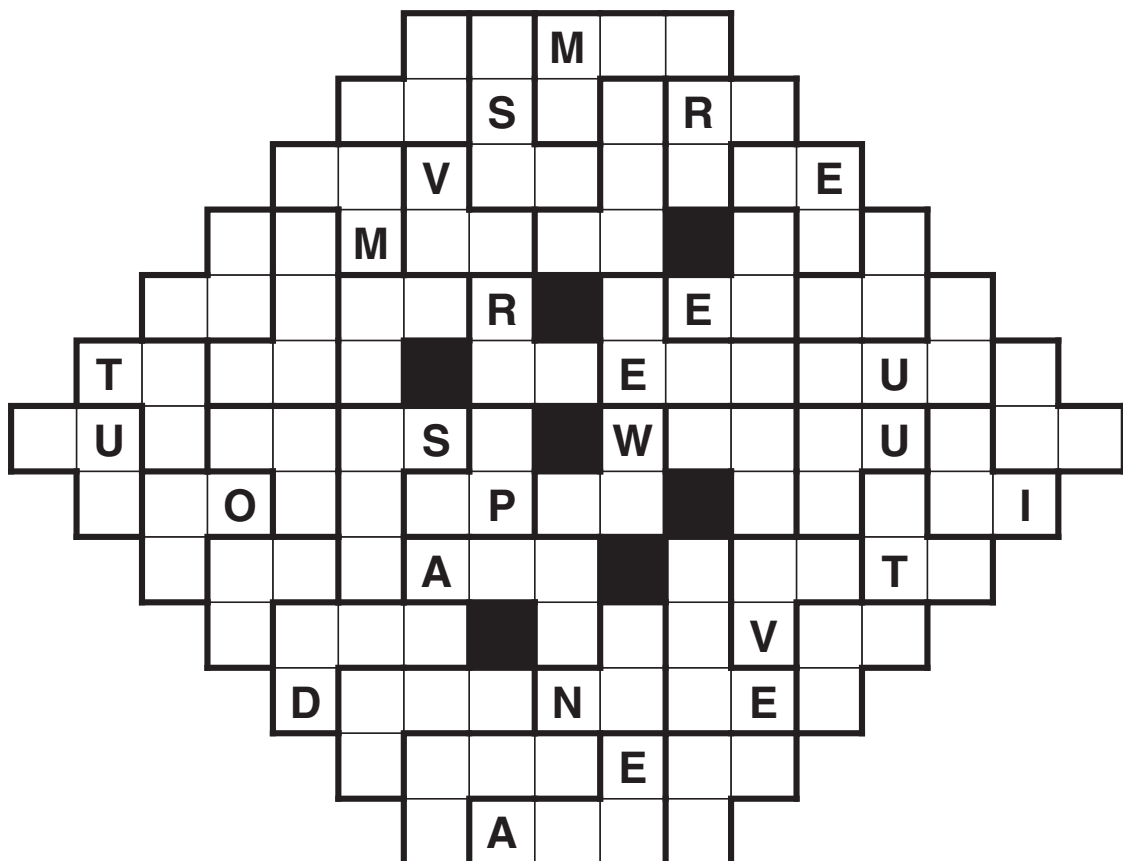
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L				B		H	O		F	I		I	T		W	E		S	T		O	I



Common Combos

Listed below are groups of four unrelated words. Can you find a word that can either precede or follow each of the words in each group?

- | | | | | |
|-------------|------|-------|------|-------|
| 1. POCKET | NOTE | STORE | CLUB | _____ |
| 2. AIRPLANE | SAND | GRAPH | CLIP | _____ |
| 3. FOUNTAIN | PAL | KNIFE | NAME | _____ |

Match Game

The titles of 12 bestselling novels (all starting with “The”) have been mixed up. Can you correctly rematch the pairs of words below to form those twelve titles?

- | | |
|--------------------|-------|
| 1. Great Runner | _____ |
| 2. Little Tale | _____ |
| 3. Pelican Falcon | _____ |
| 4. Book Brief | _____ |
| 5. Color Whisperer | _____ |
| 6. Maltese Games | _____ |
| 7. Handmaid’s Tree | _____ |
| 8. Scarlet Purple | _____ |
| 9. Giving Gatsby | _____ |
| 10. Hunger Letter | _____ |
| 11. Kite Prince | _____ |
| 12. Horse Thief | _____ |

Word Maze

The names of 16 Harry Potter characters are hidden in the diagram. To find them, move from square to adjoining square horizontally, vertically, or diagonally, but do not stay on any one square and count it twice. The names are not necessarily in a continuous line. Each letter in the diagram will be used at least once.

H	A	G	R	T	W
S	E	R	O	Y	E
V	U	M	I	N	N
B	O	D	E	G	A
B	L	L	V	U	N
Y	A	I	F	R	L

Say That Again?

Three well-known quotations from literature have been reworded below, but the original meanings have been kept. Can you identify the originals?

Example: *These events occurred, with some margin for error in either direction.*
(**Answer:** *All this happened, more or less.*)

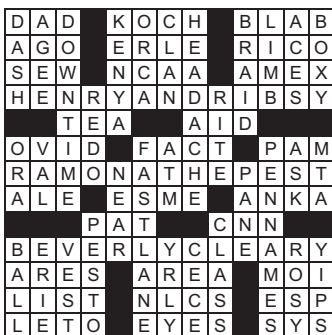
1. The highest quality period was at hand, the lowest quality period was at hand.
2. The next 24-hour period is an additional 24-hour period.
3. Every adolescent, with a single omission, develops into an adult.

Answers

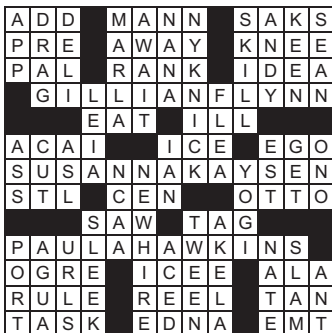
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CROSSWORD 2



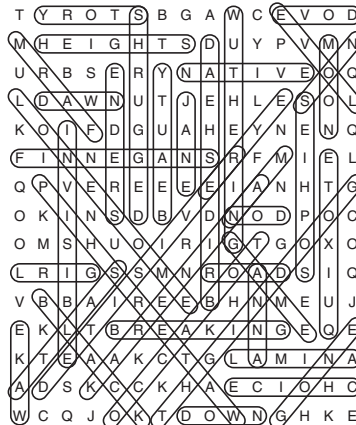
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RHYME SCHEME

1. LITTLE MOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE
2. THE CATCHER IN THE SKY
3. THE APES OF WRATH
4. THE SCARLET SWEATER
5. THE SOUND AND THE JURY
6. GIRDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS
7. CAT'S LADLE
8. HUCKLEBERRY GIN
9. CALL OF THE CHILD
10. A WRINKLE IN SLIME
11. ANIMAL CHARM
12. LORD OF THE SPIES
13. INFINITE GUEST
14. A TALE OF TWO KITTIES
15. THE JOY LUCK FLUB

WORD SEEK



COMMON COMBOS

1. Book, 2. Paper, 3. Pen.

PARTNERS

- 1-c Barnes & Noble, 2-a Romeo & Juliet, 3-f Hansel & Gretel, 4-e Holmes & Watson, 5-b Jekyll & Hyde, 6-d Tarzan & Jane.

BITS AND PIECES

1. Agatha Christie, 2. Danielle Steel, 3. Dean Koontz, 4. Stephen King, 5. William Shakespeare, 6. Jackie Collins.

CHANGAWORD

1. Read, Bead, Beat, Boat, Boot, Book.
2. Book, Cook, Cork, Pork, Park, Mark.

SAY THAT AGAIN?

1. It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. (A Tale of Two Cities, Charles Dickens)
2. Tomorrow is another day. (Gone With the Wind, Margaret Mitchell)
3. All children, except one, grow up. (Peter Pan, J.M. Barrie)

JIGSAW PUZZLE



DROP-OUTS

1. John Grisham, 2. Dorian Gray, 3. Sherlock Holmes, 4. Clarissa Daloway, 5. Aldous Huxley.

WORD MAZE

- Albus, Dobby, Fleur, Ginny, Hagrid, Harry, Hermione, Lily, Luna, Molly, Nagini, Neville, Newt, Remus, Ron, Severus, Voldemort.

MATCH GAME

1. (The) Great Gatsby, 2. (The) Little Prince, 3. (The) Pelican Brief, 4. (The) Book Thief, 5. (The) Color Purple, 6. (The) Maltese Falcon, 7. (The) Handmaid's Tale, 8. (The) Scarlet Letter, 9. (The) Giving Tree, 10. (The) Hunger Games, 11. (The) Kite Runner, 12. (The) Horse Whisperer.

PHRASE CRAZE

- A: 1. Little Red Riding Hood, 2. Goldilocks and the Three Bears, 3. Hansel and Gretel, 4. Pinocchio, 5. The Three Little Pigs, 6. Jack and the Beanstalk.
B: 1. One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, 2. Sense and Sensibility, 3. The Swiss Family Robinson, 4. Frankenstein, 5. Don Quixote.