

Welcome to Acrostic Puzzles!

The grid of the puzzle below is *not* a crossword; it is a quotation lifted from a book about bridge, and the words in the quote do *not* necessarily end at the end of a horizontal line, they only end when there is a black square following them. The unique thing about acrostic puzzles is that the *initial letters*

of each answer, reading down from Clue A through the final clue, will spell out the name of the author of the quote, and then the book's title. You will notice that all the letters in the quote are numbered, and each letter has a clue referral to guide you as you go back and forth from the quote to the clues. (To

illustrate, letter #1 in this puzzle is clued in Clue I, the last letter in that answer.) So your job is to figure out answers to the clues, and then carry those letters into the quote. This will help you figure out words from the quote, and you can carry letters from those words into the clue answers. Working back and forth in this

manner is the secret to solving acrostics, and eventually the whole puzzle can be solved ... even if you only knew a few answers at first run-through. We will treat you to more of these brain-teasers in the future, whenever space allows.

"MUDdy Waters"

by Joel

1	2	C	3	O		4	Q	5	E	6	X		7	U	8	M	9	R	10	C	11	O	12	F	13	T		14	U	15	X		16	D	17	J	18	bb	19	N				
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	198	M	199	X	200	Y		201	G	202	aa	203	Z	204	A	205	M	206	V		207	C	208	B	209	U	210	H		211	N	212	H	213	J	214	M	215	L	216	aa	217	U	
	218	S	219	B	220	Y	221	O		222	aa	223	X	224	Q	225	O		226	Y	227	G	228	R	229	P		230	J	231	G		232	C	233	F	234	D	235	T				

- A. Edwin B. _; Prolific bridge writer & Hall of Fame player.
- B. In matchpoints, getting four tops on the first two rounds would be an _ _.
- C. Where geeks can search for answers to clues such as these. (2 words)
- D. Bidding the opponents' suit in a try for a notrump contract is called a _ _.
- E. A suit bid when the opponents have opened the bidding is called an _.
- F. With equal vulnerability, a save can be profitable if you don't go _ _ . (2 wds)
- G. "My Fair _ _ _": Peter Rank's hilarious contribution to bridge theater.
- H. Meyer _; (1908-'94). Arguably the best rubber bridge player of all time.
- I. When one of the closed hands shows out, an _ _ of that suit is available.
- J. The name for a hand which holds no card higher than a nine-spot.
- K. A sacrifice against a contract that would have gone down is called a _.
- L. Luis _; (1926-2006). World Life Master & 8-time S. American champ.
- M. In diagrams, East is South's _ - _ opponent. (hyphenated)
- N. Alan _; (1925-2005), NewYork Times bridge editor for 41 years.
- O. Bridge conventional call invented by the partnership in CLUE Q. (2 words)
- P. Joseph Bowne _; (1873-1920), authority on whist & early auction bridge.
- Q. _ - _ : The partnership who invented and popularized CLUE O. (hyph.)
- R. Kaplan's partner, instrumental in developing the treatment in CLUE T.
- S. This American superstar first gained the world's highest ranking in 1985.
- T. Bidding innovation invented by Edgar Kaplan for his system. (2 wds)
- U. This superstar (1941-2007) had more than 56,000 MPs at his death.
- V. Terence Reese said: "There are no blind opening leads, only _ defenders."
- W. Old-time Swedish system, also called the "economical forcing system."
- X. Declarer's offensive potential is enhanced if dummy's values _ _ _ . (3 wds)
- Y. Escaped; as in, "West's unblocking play _ disaster for the defenders."
- Z. Playing that a 4C opening shows hearts, & 4D shows spades, is called _.
- aa. He pawned his clothes to pay his fees to win a gold card. (wd & abbrev.)
- bb. "_ Aces"; radio comedy about bridge by Goodman Ace & his wife, Jane.

145	151	54	46	204	140								
208	25	174	219	39	88	111	42	82	188				
232	2	92	207	69	10								
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