



Welcome to a Bridge Acrostic w/Cryptics!

The puzzle below is not a crossword puzzle: it is a quotation from a bridge book. This month, the source was written by a California-based professor of psychology and published in 1994 in London, England. (It has since been re-released under the title of *Bridge Defense at Trick One*.)

The words in the quote do not end at the end of a horizontal line; they only end when there is a black square following a group of numbered squares. The unique thing about acrostic puzzles is that the

initial letter 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 title of the book it was extracted from.

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 is clued in CLUE A, the 8th letter in that ten-letter, three-word answer.)

Working back and forth from the puzzle

to the grid is the secret ... and the fun... when solving acrostics. Eventually the whole puzzle can be unraveled, even if you only can figure out a small fraction of the clue answers at first run-through. Simply keep filling in the letters of the clues you do know, and then carry those letters back into the quote. This will help you figure out more words in the quote, and you can carry those letters back into the clue answers. Eventually, there comes a watershed moment when the entire puzzle will reveal itself.

As a challenge for those of you who thrive on cryptic clues, I have included four of these this month: two hidden words, one anagram, and a charade.

And for everybody, don't hesitate to use some bridge reference works, or to creatively use Google search or the ACBL's website acbl.org.

So enjoy yourselves, and don't be afraid to make suggestions or criticisms about how the puzzles are clued.

And ... keep coming back, y'hear?
-- Joel Hoersch

"Take Your Tricks!"

by Joel

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| 21 | O | 22 | Q | | 23 | U | 24 | J | 25 | B | 26 | E | 27 | Z | 28 | L | 29 | I | 30 | aa | 31 | M | | 32 | Y | 33 | G | 34 | E | 35 | C | 36 | D | 37 | Q | | 38 | J | 39 | B | | 40 | X | 41 | S |
| | 42 | W | 43 | J | 44 | R | 45 | P | 46 | F | 47 | T | | 48 | I | 49 | N | 50 | X | | 51 | C | 52 | J | 53 | Z | 54 | B | 55 | A | 56 | F | | 57 | I | 58 | S | | 59 | X | 60 | G | 61 | N | |
| 62 | W | 63 | B | | 64 | T | 65 | V | 66 | A | 67 | B | | 68 | B | 69 | E | 70 | O | 71 | D | | 72 | F | 73 | E | | 74 | O | 75 | F | 76 | R | 77 | E | 78 | H | 79 | D | 80 | X | 81 | P | | |
| 82 | Y | 83 | B | | 84 | A | 85 | K | 86 | U | 87 | H | 88 | R | 89 | S | | 90 | L | 91 | Y | 92 | J | | 93 | D | 94 | C | 95 | I | 96 | M | 97 | L | | 98 | M | 99 | E | 100 | T | 101 | aa | | |
| 102 | I | 103 | Y | 104 | W | 105 | V | | 106 | P | 107 | A | 108 | I | 109 | T | | 110 | B | 111 | X | 112 | T | 113 | E | | 114 | H | 115 | J | 116 | Z | | 117 | U | 118 | C | 119 | S | 120 | F | 121 | aa | 122 | T |
| 123 | A | 124 | J | | 125 | G | | 126 | F | 127 | H | 128 | K | 129 | O | 130 | S | 131 | E | 132 | T | 133 | N | 134 | A | | 135 | S | 136 | L | | 137 | O | 138 | N | 139 | B | 140 | M | 141 | Z | 142 | K | 143 | F |
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| 206 | H | 207 | X | 208 | Z | | 209 | X | 210 | Z | 211 | P | | 212 | O | 213 | Z | 214 | G | | 215 | X | | 216 | A | 217 | C | 218 | L | 219 | N | 220 | F | 221 | X | 222 | G | 223 | E | 224 | D | | | | |

- A. If dummy's singleton is led, sometimes it's close whether to _ _ _ . (3 wds)
- B. He went from '74 high school King of Bridge to '81 world champ. (full name)
- C. The site of poker games with HST & bridge games with DDE. (2 words)
- D. (*) Looking for Joel? Well, someone shot him a long time ago!
- E. Dostoevski's Prince Myshkin would relish this solitaire version. (2 words)
- F. Communication method used by the players discussed in this puzzle.
- G. Robert _; English Gold Cup winner 1972, now living in New York.
- H. His partnership with Steve Robinson has been a long-time success. (2 wds)
- I. Involuntary; reflexive. As in, "it was _ to raise partner with four trumps."
- J. The most common form of the game, socially in homes & schools. (2 wds)
- K. Outline a new idea or convention; break new ground.
- L. If you go minus this number, perhaps you shouldn't have redoubled.
- M. (*) Cry, "That really hurts!" ... if you're really afraid.
- N. Theodore _ (1893-1981). A frequent partner of the Culbertsons.
- O. Beloved writer and Hall of Famer, living in Santa Monica, CA. (2 wds)
- P. Kind of score directors get involved in.
- Q. After a loss at bridge, remember Mizz Scahlett: "Tomorrow is another _!"
- R. Player called to "fill in" a movement in an emergency.
- S. Eugene _; Romanian-born founder of the school of "absurd" theater.
- T. (*) Yank Roman around to play with Edgar Kaplan. (full name)
- U. Pairs; twosomes.
- V. This "shrink's term" simply refers to one's self-esteem.
- W. This team vied with Lenz and Culbertson as early-day authorities. (2 words)
- X. Form of pottery; less expensive than the Gold Cup or Bermuda Bowl.
- Y. (*) We soon are back to having a rope around our necks.
- Z. This Texan's fame has "echoed" through the years. (full name)
- aa. _ Bailey: San Diego guru to both this quote's author and the puzzle's creator.

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| 25 | 187 | 6 | 83 | 149 | 39 | 54 | 180 | 68 | 197 | 67 | 139 | 110 | 63 |
| 193 | 144 | 151 | 51 | 5 | 217 | 94 | 35 | 157 | 118 | | | | |
| 71 | 79 | 93 | 224 | 168 | 36 | | | | | | | | |
| 99 | 9 | 77 | 34 | 131 | 73 | 200 | 26 | 167 | 69 | 223 | 194 | 113 | |
| 56 | 72 | 143 | 75 | 126 | 220 | 120 | 46 | 8 | 192 | | | | |
| 125 | 33 | 203 | 214 | 60 | 20 | 222 | | | | | | | |
| 16 | 206 | 78 | 153 | 87 | 114 | 172 | 12 | 127 | | | | | |
| 108 | 95 | 57 | 177 | 102 | 179 | 48 | 29 | 147 | | | | | |
| 11 | 115 | 43 | 24 | 92 | 124 | 38 | 52 | 161 | 205 | 186 | 158 | | |
| 18 | 152 | 142 | 85 | 128 | 166 | 185 | 10 | | | | | | |
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| 27 | 213 | 210 | 116 | 53 | 146 | 208 | 178 | 141 | 159 | 198 | | | |
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