## Guest Puzzle \#41 - February 2012 "Unscripted" (by Dexter Senft)

Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues below and write the answers in the numbered dashes above the clues. Then transfer each letter to its corresponding square in the pattern, where thick lines indicate word endings. Answers vary in length from 6 to 12 letters, with one variant spelling. The filled pattern will contain a quotation. The first letters of each answer will spell the name of the author and title of the work. Answers occur in sets of three, labeled A-I. The clues are given in the proper order, but one letter from each set A-I must be omitted in order for the quotation to read correctly. Those nine letters, taken in order, spell a word related to the title of the puzzle and the quotation. Thanks to John de Cuevas for his many helpful suggestions.


A. Around 11, Tom appears distraught without son near

Recent events surrounding half of Ephram's relatives

Serving as attorney for contingent with female in papa's place

B. Reencounter extreme explosion with no end to Semtex

Start to express extremely shallow conclusion here and beyond

Sweet spot to roll a joint

C. Pay for damaged prom scene by the end of June

Key figure in doctored court photo is missing uniform

Gave too much credit to reckless rebel vow
$\overline{134} \overline{19} \overline{65} \overline{61} \overline{76} \overline{100} \overline{122} \overline{69} \overline{105} \overline{220} \overline{162} \overline{216} \overline{108} \overline{24} \overline{197} \overline{42} \overline{59} \overline{7} \frac{7}{151} \overline{30} \overline{112} \overline{95} \overline{93} \overline{217} \overline{55}$
D. Ragged hole seen around center of forward airplane tire

Unable to produce about 100 diamonds, and executed

Yeasty red fermented a short time ago

E. Notching initial on ski fastener Simple fashion design lacking Mistakenly carry jet to flight line is not mandatory satin finish
$\overline{203} \overline{137} \overline{90} \overline{171} \overline{223} \overline{56} \overline{219} \overline{22} \overline{180} \overline{41} \overline{206} \overline{160} \quad \overline{136} \overline{113} \overline{28} \overline{89} \overline{181} \overline{12} \quad \overline{211} \overline{14} \overline{120} \overline{51} \overline{141} \overline{82} \overline{178}$
F. Blond sparrow with no tail shot dead

Making mincemeat of Shanghai movement after ousting head of alliance

Charity mailings reorganized, taking in five grand
$\overline{228} \overline{63} \overline{10} \overline{143} \overline{34} \overline{174} \overline{200} \overline{123} \overline{1} \overline{43} \overline{49} \overline{128} \overline{131} \overline{88} \overline{97} \overline{68} \overline{64} \overline{173} \overline{192} \overline{184} \overline{36} \overline{119} \overline{146} \overline{47} \overline{225}$
G. Thick hair is covered by most hat choices

Sword and club at Ghana massacre
Across from patio, pool's in disrepair
$\overline{196} \overline{23} \overline{168} \overline{52} \overline{210} \overline{148} \overline{83} \overline{54} \overline{6} \overline{13} \overline{77} \overline{46} \overline{2} \overline{50} \overline{74} \overline{27} \overline{138} \overline{176} \overline{96} \overline{140} \overline{186} \overline{158} \overline{109} \overline{33} \overline{132}$
H. Excruciatingly inelegant blue Ray-Bans missing brass finish

I heal poorly sipping whiskey for a time

Suppressed bizarre fact of dukes dethroning king

I. Show deep respect for Chinese Stated precisely, I can't endure vessel returning to West
being tortured without rabbi

Drunken bum: odd, unfed and speechless

