

# Cryptic Acrostic

I'VE NEVER DONE AN ACROSTIC BEFORE, so I thought that'd be fun to try. It's a cryptic acrostic. You'll also find a reference to another well-known kind of word game in the completed diagram. The diagram will reveal a quotation, and the initial letters of the answers spell out the author of the quotation and its source. The author is quite renowned in the world of puzzlemaking—but is even better known for his work in another field. It's from this other field that the quotation is drawn.

I dropped some insurance and financial terms into the clues to make it more suitable for *Contingencies*.

There are no unusual words, and everything is playable in Scrabble. There's one proper noun, which occurs as one side of a double definition, but the other side is a regular word. Ignore punctuation, which is designed to confuse.

### Clues

- A. Haphazard careen ruins business, one assumes? 104 12 124 18 84 24 88 130 136 34 98
- B. First pair of Quakers within Moses' houses of worship 3 69 127 85 137 48 75
- C. Good things coming from idiots taking time 27 37 119 71 7 109
- D. "Long Island skill" means weakness 47 17 77 91 72 123 5 29 135
- E. Conflicted actor: R.I.P. 20 50 61 117
- F. Filling up 139 2 128 67 79 100 132
- G. Manipulating Rodney from afar 28 16 80 42 121 13
- H. Abnormal sacs seen in baseball's young specialists after the eighth 107 114 99 6 49
- I. Matching frosty overtones 35 57 95 51 103 62
- J. In regards to North Dakota going after mortgage insurer without preparation 65 105 120 21 87 131 26
- K. Crawled an indefinite amount around Watts 38 59 44 74
- L. Wingman's shifting a bit to two-position player 23 64 8 125 81 138 82 25
- M. Anyone would at first hover around me 55 11 60 115 32 102 14 78
- N. Produce more peeps, amount uncertain 54 86 93 31 110 9
- O. Made a contract with weak red ten 41 133 111 56 96 118
- P. Order to take down placards? 15 101 33 116 126 66
- Q. Extra costs surrounding premenopausal medium 43 129 52 70 1 108 113
- R. Fortune 100 company following its country's custom 92 90 73 10 122
- S. At its core, "Dizzy Got Ella" is a fruitful collaboration 45 97 19 40 83 22
- T. Hums Mendelssohn's First inside madhouses 46 106 36 94 4
- U. Weld running is in bad taste 134 58 39 112
- V. Tech is loose in morals 89 76 53 30 68 63

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**Solutions may be emailed to [Thomas.Toce@ey.com](mailto:Thomas.Toce@ey.com). In order to make the solver list, your solutions must be received by July 31, 2013.**

**Previous Issue's Puzzle—  
Switcheroo**

Congratulations to Bob Fink on such a well-received puzzle! Many of you wrote to say that a clue was missing, 44A. Some of you asked what it should have been (“Manors with plastic tea sets”); others made up their own clue and/or answer. There were a number of words that could have fit E TT \_ \_ S. The one we were going for was ESTATES.

**Across**

- 1. SCALPER—Contained in “Fiscal Perils”
- 4. PRIZED—Anagram of “Pride” around Z (“zebra’s leader”)
- 7. JEWEL—Double definition
- 9. EXERT—EX + middle three letters of “Flyer team”
- 13. TUMOR—Contained in “pronotum orifice”
- 15. SPIDERS—Anagram of “spied” + last two letters of “hackers”
- 16. RAPTURE—First two letters + last five letters (“describing”) of “Ravidassian scripture”
- 17. IRATE—PIRATE (“marauder”)—P (“loses head”)
- 18. POETIC—Anagram of CITOPE (“city opera”—“Ray”)
- 19. HOSTEL—Homophone of hostile (“unwelcoming”)
- 20. RUSE—Homophone of rues (“regrets”)
- 22. POTTER—Double definition (British “Be at leisure” and Harry Potter)
- 29. SADDEN—Anagram of “sanded”
- 31. TART—Contained in “Gibraltar town”
- 33. DEACON—Anagram of “canoed”
- 35. VIKING—VI (“Virgin Island”) + KING (“monarch”)
- 37. CAMEO—Reversal of MAC (“Bernie”) + first and last letters (“outside”) of “El Dorado”
- 38. BEARISH—Anagram of “a rib she”
- 39. ANGRILY—Anagram of “Any girl”
- 40. DEITY—Contained in “ode I typed”
- 41. ISSUE—Contained in “Is Sue”
- 42. SNORT—First two letters of “snout” + ORT (“morsel of food”)
- 43. LANCED—Anagram of “candle”
- 44. ESTATES—Anagram of “tea sets”

**Down**

- 1. SQUIRE—Anagram of “risqué”
- 2. ELOPE—Every other even character (“ignoring the odds”) of “Teal & osprey”
- 3. PRETTY—PETTY (“Minor”) around R (first letter of “rose”)
- 4. PIER—Contained in ending four letters of “Sloppier”
- 5. TESTS—First two letters + last three letters (“limits of”) of “technologists”
- 6. DEVELOP—D (“Don’s member”) + EVE (“twilight”) + LOPE (“run”)—E (“etiquette at the onset”)
- 8. WAMPUMS—WAM (contained in center of “swamp”) + anagram of “umps”
- 10. EDITOR—ED + I + center three letters (“endlessly”) of “tutored”
- 11. RETREAT—Double definition (re-treat from “treat again”)

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- 12. FARES—Homophone of fairs (“Carnivals”)
- 14. TORSO—Anagram of “roots”
- 15. SUPINE—SUE around PIN
- 21. BEACONS—BEAS around CON (“trick”)
- 23. DONKEY—DON (“king” meaning Don King) + KEY (“indispensable”)
- 24. TRANSIT—Anagram of “Start in”
- 25. CODICIL—First four letters of “codified” + last three (“three right-wing members”) of “council”
- 26. DINERS—Anagram of “rinsed”
- 27. TIGHT—TONIGHT—NO (“rejecting ‘No’”)
- 28. PAEAN—Anagram of “apnea”
- 30. ORIENT—Double definition
- 32. RELAYS—Double definition (re-lays from “puts down track once more”)
- 34. MAGIC—MAGI (“wise men”) + C (“bit of chicanery”)
- 36. IDIOT—Reversal of [TO + ID (“identify”) + I (“me”)]
- 38. BIDE—BRIDE (“newlywed”)—R (“ring at first”)

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