## ACROSTIC #19 by Accipiter

**Instructions:** Solve the cryptic clues, and enter the answers in the blank spaces on the right. Transfer the letters to the corresponding numbered squares in the diagram. The diagram will reward you with a quotation. The first letters of the clue answers, reading down, reveal the name of the author and title of the work. Merriam Webster's *Collegiate Dictionary*, 11<sup>th</sup> edition, was used in constructing this puzzle. As always, I am grateful to Claire Trazenfeld for her skill and patience as test solver. For credit, please submit author, title, and sixth word of the quotation by January 20, 2005.

CLUES	ANSWERS
A Alms to spread about	<u>15 34 51 116 181 199</u>
<b>B</b> Way up there, Myrna captures fort	$\frac{13}{61} \frac{34}{70} \frac{31}{124} \frac{135}{138} \frac{138}{138}$
C Fat reward to be collected, but not now?	$\frac{13}{13} \frac{143}{143} \frac{3}{3} \frac{10}{10} \frac{37}{37} \frac{84}{84} \frac{96}{96} \frac{100}{100} \frac{114}{114}$
<b>D</b> Astrologer's star and sumo wrestling	43 119 142 21 64 68 163 179
E Tricks the French made in Germany, but not many	91 5 44 60 74 175 8 92
<b>F</b> Error and minimal brain dysfunction concealing good deed—like certain war reporters?	7 95 105 182 32 49 73 190
G Clergyman's bow?	<u>6</u> <u>20</u> <u>101</u> <u>106</u> <u>131</u> <u>136</u> <u>156</u> <u>178</u> <u>183</u>
H In re omen: quavering, very short bird call?	$\frac{26}{31} \frac{26}{45} \frac{129}{129} \frac{146}{146} \frac{169}{169} \frac{154}{173} \frac{173}{186} \frac{186}{202}$
I Military group hiding in back clamor for escape	33 184 203 14 99 17 40
J Monitor polluted reef in front of endless atoll	11 36 2 52 46 77 87
K Covers house in filth at Chester	<del>27</del> <del>29</del> <del>47</del> <del>71</del> <del>121</del> <del>148</del> <del>90</del> <del>98</del>
L Underground creature—whore shot it	$\frac{22}{22} \frac{144}{164} \frac{164}{170} \frac{192}{192} \frac{205}{205}$
M Shoot a poet, rave, disappear	63 16 30 25 126 133 155 167 81
N First person to strike a gong (almost) gets literary kitty	151 149 56 82 115 162 176 93 108

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O	Relax!	Internationa	l group	depar	tment
	head ac	dmits victory	1		

$$\overline{137} \ \overline{35} \ \overline{117} \ \overline{50} \ \overline{88} \ \overline{1} \ \overline{103} \ \overline{172}$$

$$\overline{168}$$
  $\overline{78}$   $\overline{145}$   $\overline{24}$   $\overline{89}$   $\overline{187}$ 

$$\overline{157}$$
  $\overline{4}$   $\overline{107}$   $\overline{165}$   $\overline{207}$   $\overline{132}$   $\overline{201}$   $\overline{171}$   $\overline{185}$   $\overline{150}$ 

$$\overline{177}$$
  $\overline{153}$ 

$$\overline{159} \ \overline{110} \ \overline{120} \ \overline{180} \ \overline{113}$$

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## Diagram for Acrostic #19

1T	2J	3C	4Y	5E	6G	7F	8E	9S	10C	11J	120	13C	14I	15A
16M	17I	180	19R	20G	21D	22L	23Q	24W	25M	26D	27K	28R	29K	30M
31H	32F	33I	34A	35T	36J	37C	38P	39R	40I	41Z	42R	43D	44E	45H
46J	47K	480	49F	50T	51A	52J	53S	540	55S	56N	57V	58P	59O	60E
61B	62Q	63M	64D	65X	66S	67Q	68D	69Q	70B	71K	72R	73F	74E	75R
76S	77J	78W	79U	80Q	81M	82N	83U	84C	85X	86D	87J	88T	89W	90K
91E	92E	93N	94V	95F	96C	97S	98K	991	100C	101G	102Z	103T	104P	105F
106G	107Y	108N	109V	110AA	111X	112E	113AA	114C	115N	116A	117T	118P	119D	120AA
121K	122P	123Z	124B	125X	126M	1270	128R	129H	130Q	131G	132Y	133M	134E	135B
136G	137T	138B	139R	140Z	141Q	142D	143C	144L	145W	146H	147P	148K	149N	150Y
151N	152S	153Y	154H	155M	156G	157Y	158P	159AA	160V	161V	162N	163D	164L	165Y
166Z	167M	168W	169H	170L	171Y	172T	173H	174Q	175E	176N	177Y	178G	179D	180AA
181A	182F	183G	184I	185Y	186H	187W	188X	189U	190F	191Z	192L	193S	194Z	195S
196P	197E	198Q	199A	200U	201Y	202H	203I	204Z	205L	206U	207Y	208D		