

Solution to Acrostic #24 – April 2006

Jon Krakauer, *Into Thin Air*, Villard, 1997

... [A] climber must be exceedingly driven, but if you're too driven you're likely to die. Above twenty six thousand feet ... the line between [judicious] zeal and reckless summit fever ... [is] thin. Thus the slopes of Everest are littered with corpses. [*With apologies to the author for changing his word "appropriate" to "judicious" to provide the J needed in clue A.*]

- A JELLY ROLL
- B OFF THE CUFF
- C NEWLYWEDS (*Wendy slew* anagram)
- D KNEE-S+LAP+PER
- E REVI(EWE)D (*Drive* anagram)
- F AT+HEISTS
- G KEDGE+REEf
- H ABSTEMIOUS (*a sum so be it* anagram)
- I ULYSSES (hidden in *July's session*)
- J EXTR+E+ME (*T. Rex* anagram)
- K R(O)STEN (*Stern* anagram)
- L I'M+MU+NI+ZED (*nigh* homophone)
- M NIHIL+IST (*Nile* homophone)
- N TOUCH(S)TONE
- O OVER+EX(C)ITED
- P TROUBLES+HOOT
- Q HI+TwiT+ITE (*tie* anagram)
- R IV+Y-COVERED (*coed very* anagram)
- S N(U+B+B)Y
- T ABECEDARIAN (*dear Abe I can* anagram)
- U IN(TU+I)TIVE (*invite* anagram)
- V RUSTED (hidden reversal in *cadet surely*)