

**-CRYPT-A-CROSTIC #28**  
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 and title of the quotation by December 20, 2006.

**CLUES**

**ANSWERS**

A Backup is subordinate to boss, yesterday’s frontrunner	<u>40</u> <u>7</u> <u>103</u> <u>137</u> <u>154</u> <u>171</u> <u>183</u> <u>190</u> <u>126</u> <u>182</u>
B Porcelain in Rome is sensational	<u>105</u> <u>16</u> <u>54</u> <u>84</u> <u>195</u> <u>167</u> <u>142</u>
C Gem of a loaf	<u>20</u> <u>117</u> <u>160</u> <u>78</u> <u>31</u> <u>156</u> <u>165</u> <u>178</u>
D Cracker, e.g., got hot, exploded (2 wds)	<u>25</u> <u>92</u> <u>114</u> <u>3</u> <u>27</u> <u>132</u> <u>188</u> <u>10</u>
E Reviving dance named after Frenchman	<u>53</u> <u>43</u> <u>74</u> <u>144</u> <u>161</u> <u>101</u> <u>113</u> <u>177</u>
F Sticker shock: the “list”	<u>32</u> <u>48</u> <u>73</u> <u>98</u> <u>115</u> <u>134</u> <u>151</u>
G Room, on rearrangement, features coordinates yet suggests incongruity	<u>21</u> <u>50</u> <u>138</u> <u>128</u> <u>60</u> <u>194</u> <u>133</u> <u>164</u>
H With snow cap, harshest mountain	<u>169</u> <u>152</u> <u>193</u> <u>122</u> <u>68</u> <u>102</u> <u>118</u>
I Eat dead dog? (2 wds)	<u>22</u> <u>72</u> <u>77</u> <u>82</u> <u>143</u> <u>173</u> <u>123</u> <u>181</u>
J Exterior crumbling—douse it	<u>104</u> <u>121</u> <u>136</u> <u>41</u> <u>83</u> <u>150</u> <u>94</u>
K Revitalize students lacking muscle	<u>15</u> <u>93</u> <u>163</u> <u>146</u> <u>157</u> <u>33</u> <u>12</u>
L Tear-jerker on twice, with one in the middle	<u>64</u> <u>56</u> <u>106</u> <u>120</u> <u>149</u>
M Unrelieved chief of police is excluded from putting media out	<u>61</u> <u>63</u> <u>24</u> <u>14</u> <u>88</u> <u>46</u> <u>75</u> <u>79</u> <u>96</u> <u>5</u>

N Relish dog food? (2 wds)	$\overline{26}$ $\overline{17}$ $\overline{110}$ $\overline{9}$ $\overline{57}$ $\overline{4}$ $\overline{139}$ $\overline{45}$
O Product of far-ranging island	$\overline{18}$ $\overline{145}$ $\overline{168}$ $\overline{180}$ $\overline{198}$
P “Coupling” can be improper noun when one is involved	$\overline{87}$ $\overline{109}$ $\overline{185}$ $\overline{175}$ $\overline{191}$
Q The French, the English—all is forgotten here	$\overline{30}$ $\overline{36}$ $\overline{71}$ $\overline{90}$ $\overline{97}$
R Bird call: dainty bit of trill at the end, repeated	$\overline{42}$ $\overline{65}$ $\overline{81}$ $\overline{66}$ $\overline{89}$ $\overline{99}$ $\overline{100}$ $\overline{55}$ $\overline{153}$ $\overline{131}$
S Feature of circus team beginning to swing—and how! (2 wds)	$\overline{125}$ $\overline{158}$ $\overline{192}$ $\overline{58}$ $\overline{130}$ $\overline{184}$ $\overline{189}$ $\overline{111}$
T Plain trophy, sporting initial H, represented humanitarianism	$\overline{29}$ $\overline{162}$ $\overline{170}$ $\overline{174}$ $\overline{197}$ $\overline{172}$ $\overline{2}$ $\overline{166}$ $\overline{69}$ $\overline{127}$
	$\overline{51}$ $\overline{155}$
U Swimmer always carries identification	$\overline{21}$ $\overline{124}$ $\overline{199}$ $\overline{6}$ $\overline{179}$
V Dark thing flying	$\overline{159}$ $\overline{129}$ $\overline{187}$ $\overline{116}$ $\overline{147}$
W End of clue V. Bake a dry toast	$\overline{8}$ $\overline{1}$ $\overline{35}$ $\overline{86}$ $\overline{39}$ $\overline{11}$ $\overline{95}$ $\overline{62}$
X Solidarity reversed in crummy tin utensil	$\overline{141}$ $\overline{37}$ $\overline{112}$ $\overline{196}$ $\overline{70}$
Y Sleek cooked vegetables	$\overline{34}$ $\overline{85}$ $\overline{52}$ $\overline{108}$ $\overline{107}$
Z I surrender in Spain, go around Pole, to find Russian character (2 wds)	$\overline{140}$ $\overline{186}$ $\overline{38}$ $\overline{13}$ $\overline{91}$ $\overline{67}$ $\overline{148}$ $\overline{176}$ $\overline{119}$ $\overline{135}$
AA My story, featuring “energy” rather than “zip,” is a puzzlement	$\overline{28}$ $\overline{59}$ $\overline{19}$ $\overline{47}$ $\overline{49}$ $\overline{80}$ $\overline{76}$

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1W	2T	3D	4N	5M	6U	7A	8W	9N	10D	11W	12K	13Z
14M	15K	16B	17N	18O	19AA	20C	21U	22 I	23G	24M	25D	26N
27D	28AA	29T	30Q	31C	32F	33K	34Y	35W	36Q	37X	38Z	39W
40A	41J	42R	43E	44M	45N	46M	47AA	48F	49AA	50G	51T	52Y
53E	54B	55R	56L	57N	58S	59AA	60G	61M	62W	63M	64L	65R
66R	67Z	68H	69T	70X	71Q	72 I	73F	74E	75M	76AA	77 I	78C
79M	80AA	81R	82 I	83J	84B	85Y	86W	87P	88M	89R	90Q	91Z
92D	93K	94J	95W	96M	97Q	98F	99R	100R	101E	102H	103A	104J
105B	106L	107Y	108Y	109P	110N	111S	112X	113E	114D	115F	116V	117C
118H	119Z	120L	121J	122H	123 I	124U	125S	126A	127T	128G	129V	130S
131R	132D	133G	134F	135Z	136J	137A	138G	139N	140Z	141X	142B	143 I
144E	145O	146K	147V	148Z	149L	150J	151F	152H	153R	154A	155T	156C
157K	158S	159V	160C	161E	162T	163K	164G	165C	166T	167B	168O	169H
170T	171A	172T	173 I	174T	175P	176Z	177E	178C	179U	180O	181 I	182A
183A	184S	185P	186Z	187V	188D	189S	190A	191P	192S	193H	194G	195B
196X	197T	198O	199U									