

ACROSTIC #13
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 grid. The grid 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*, 10th ed., 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 last word of the quotation by December 20, 2003.

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| A Tailless parrot clutching pretty French pottery | $\overline{62}$ $\overline{11}$ $\overline{87}$ $\overline{103}$ $\overline{117}$ $\overline{122}$ $\overline{143}$ $\overline{152}$ |
| B It's a bird! It's a town! | $\overline{35}$ $\overline{43}$ $\overline{44}$ $\overline{71}$ $\overline{90}$ |
| C Crude fliers and swimmers | $\overline{17}$ $\overline{50}$ $\overline{92}$ $\overline{126}$ $\overline{75}$ $\overline{141}$ $\overline{146}$ |
| D Resembling the German coming back and trailing child in Berlin | $\overline{95}$ $\overline{107}$ $\overline{129}$ $\overline{29}$ $\overline{46}$ $\overline{61}$ $\overline{66}$ |
| E Through and threw? Not too bright! | $\overline{23}$ $\overline{115}$ $\overline{137}$ $\overline{147}$ $\overline{155}$ $\overline{163}$ $\overline{176}$ $\overline{189}$ |
| F Opposite of pest on my return | $\overline{37}$ $\overline{69}$ $\overline{96}$ $\overline{110}$ $\overline{153}$ $\overline{161}$ $\overline{185}$ |
| G Playful, she knit it all tangled | $\overline{144}$ $\overline{1}$ $\overline{27}$ $\overline{36}$ $\overline{53}$ $\overline{104}$ $\overline{148}$ $\overline{178}$ $\overline{174}$ |
| H She and I playing duet in a state of lethargy | $\overline{12}$ $\overline{79}$ $\overline{4}$ $\overline{25}$ $\overline{40}$ $\overline{58}$ $\overline{67}$ $\overline{184}$ $\overline{172}$ |
| I Elizabeth, nicely revealing national characteristics | $\overline{8}$ $\overline{33}$ $\overline{39}$ $\overline{108}$ $\overline{142}$ $\overline{145}$ |
| J Cowardly soldier's face turns sallow | $\overline{192}$ $\overline{5}$ $\overline{19}$ $\overline{41}$ $\overline{45}$ $\overline{74}$ $\overline{80}$ |
| K Set fire to Roman church | $\overline{54}$ $\overline{88}$ $\overline{94}$ $\overline{130}$ $\overline{136}$ |
| L Mixed choir—it's memorable | $\overline{34}$ $\overline{20}$ $\overline{32}$ $\overline{59}$ $\overline{70}$ $\overline{102}$ $\overline{151}$ $\overline{179}$ |
| M Rubber bands, bananas, sails, etc. | $\overline{18}$ $\overline{56}$ $\overline{82}$ $\overline{105}$ $\overline{125}$ $\overline{170}$ $\overline{9}$ $\overline{6}$ |
| N A stench, correct? Correct! | $\overline{38}$ $\overline{72}$ $\overline{89}$ $\overline{121}$ $\overline{150}$ $\overline{65}$ $\overline{159}$ |
| O Little old fly fluttering around actor that's smelly? | $\overline{133}$ $\overline{60}$ $\overline{171}$ $\overline{100}$ $\overline{49}$ $\overline{173}$ $\overline{186}$ $\overline{113}$ $\overline{14}$ |
| P Bilingual "yes" in Ms. Turner's state | $\overline{13}$ $\overline{158}$ $\overline{24}$ $\overline{3}$ $\overline{26}$ $\overline{63}$ $\overline{93}$ $\overline{187}$ $\overline{180}$ |

Q Senegal is backward—without, e.g., roads

83 106 167 165 149

R Stupid as one in Revolutionary New England

55 48 57 16 10 191 139

S Chinese people in General Assembly forming
country

21 97 114 51 128

T Speed up former gym class, tied in knots

31 64 7 77 86 175 101 168

U Tragic opera's cute—and way beyond my sphere
(2 wds)

188 28 2 85 120 73 99 140 81 183

V In company, tumbled (ouch!)—hips broken

76 116 181 84 166 169 123 162 177 68

W Let's sing "All Around Is Bright"

52 118 15 124 112 98 157 154

X Orphan playing viol in advance of raging tornado
(2 wds)

190 160 131 164 119 127 109 78 30 138 135

Y Thrust aside, I sold bedraggled flowers

42 156 134 111 91 47 22 182 132

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Grid for Acrostic #13

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