

ACROSTIC #17

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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*, 11th edition, was used in constructing this puzzle. As always, I am grateful to Claire Trazenfeld for her skill and patience as test solver. Thanks also to John de Cuevas for suggesting one of the clues. For credit, submit author, title, and last word of the quotation by August 20, 2004.

CLUES**ANSWERS**

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| A Married relative in the Far East
makes delicious food | $\overline{12}$ $\overline{21}$ $\overline{25}$ $\overline{99}$ $\overline{124}$ $\overline{143}$ $\overline{160}$ $\overline{170}$ |
| B French city attracted detective (<i>2 wds</i>) | $\overline{20}$ $\overline{38}$ $\overline{51}$ $\overline{90}$ $\overline{104}$ $\overline{110}$ $\overline{148}$ $\overline{157}$ $\overline{115}$ |
| C Tell story about two times | $\overline{28}$ $\overline{63}$ $\overline{72}$ $\overline{114}$ $\overline{137}$ $\overline{164}$ |
| D African child follows popular,
attractive person (<i>offensive -Ed.</i>) | $\overline{59}$ $\overline{86}$ $\overline{118}$ $\overline{119}$ $\overline{140}$ $\overline{144}$ $\overline{174}$ $\overline{194}$ $\overline{199}$ |
| E Overdose at gyms? Yes; in retro-
spect, quite a trip! | $\overline{91}$ $\overline{94}$ $\overline{15}$ $\overline{29}$ $\overline{81}$ $\overline{98}$ $\overline{133}$ |
| F Airing disturbance surrounding initi-
ation of elections in troubled country | $\overline{39}$ $\overline{55}$ $\overline{85}$ $\overline{108}$ $\overline{163}$ $\overline{180}$ $\overline{190}$ |
| G Start yielding chemical product
24 hours past time | $\overline{22}$ $\overline{27}$ $\overline{41}$ $\overline{134}$ $\overline{158}$ $\overline{188}$ $\overline{179}$ $\overline{192}$ $\overline{122}$ |
| H Sacrifice freedom without hesitation | $\overline{13}$ $\overline{19}$ $\overline{168}$ $\overline{130}$ $\overline{150}$ $\overline{187}$ $\overline{2}$ $\overline{84}$ |
| I They sat uncomfortably, holding
minute stone | $\overline{50}$ $\overline{62}$ $\overline{69}$ $\overline{75}$ $\overline{116}$ $\overline{33}$ $\overline{53}$ $\overline{88}$ |
| J I must turn a drooping flower | $\overline{96}$ $\overline{74}$ $\overline{111}$ $\overline{131}$ $\overline{127}$ $\overline{142}$ $\overline{159}$ $\overline{197}$ $\overline{32}$ $\overline{37}$ |
| K Enclose garden area after first person
returns | $\overline{11}$ $\overline{49}$ $\overline{136}$ $\overline{129}$ $\overline{191}$ |

L Low form of flattery seen in restraint	<u>14</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>76</u>	<u>176</u>	<u>152</u>	<u>183</u>	<u>205</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>109</u>
M Distant military installation is wrong (2 wds)	<u>3</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>154</u>	<u>165</u>	<u>203</u>			
N Pick one flower—the best	<u>7</u>	<u>206</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>78</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>167</u>			
O Kipling character with nothing on back for clothing	<u>4</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>128</u>	<u>147</u>	<u>171</u>	<u>175</u>				
P Giant insect capturing heart of the other insect	<u>31</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>186</u>	<u>200</u>		
Q Pale as chicken	<u>18</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>138</u>	<u>161</u>					
R Earthenware holds shivering rodent	<u>1</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>125</u>	<u>172</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>156</u>	<u>185</u>
S Capricious Turk melted instrument	<u>64</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>169</u>	<u>178</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>146</u>
T Give us sizable portion in return for publication	<u>95</u>	<u>181</u>	<u>126</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>65</u>					
U Dreadful thing: evil spirit causing frightening experience	<u>97</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>196</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>202</u>	<u>201</u>	
V Drive in reverse after opening car	<u>177</u>	<u>117</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>123</u>	<u>182</u>	<u>193</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>204</u>	<u>93</u>	
W Sordid aspect of Derby: Nell is upset after unlucky start	<u>195</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>121</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>61</u>
X Worked in audience; that's necessary	<u>198</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>173</u>	<u>52</u>				
Y Spiritual holy man in good, holy surroundings	<u>162</u>	<u>184</u>	<u>92</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>45</u>			
Z Remembering feature: a glowing thing	<u>70</u>	<u>79</u>	<u>112</u>	<u>189</u>	<u>106</u>					
AA Arrange for fake percentage (<i>hyph</i>)	<u>17</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>207</u>	<u>101</u>	<u>105</u>	<u>155</u>			

1R	2H	3M	4O	5W	6L	7N	8AA	9Y	10W	11K	12A	13H	14L	15E
16X	17AA	18Q	19H	20B	21A	22G	23U	24L	25A	26W	27G	28C	29E	30R
31P	32J	33I	34N	35R	36P	37J	38B	39F	40S	41G	42S	43T	44W	45Y
46V	47P	48S	49K	50I	51B	52X	53I	54Y	55F	56R	57W	58S	59D	60P
61W	62I	63C	64S	65T	66L	67X	68M	69I	70Z	71Y	72C	73U	74J	75I
76L	77U	78N	79Z	80O	81E	82Q	83N	84H	85F	86D	87N	88I	89R	90B
91E	92Y	93V	94E	95T	96J	97U	98E	99A	100M	101AA	102S	103P	104B	105AA
106Z	107U	108F	109L	110B	111J	112Z	113S	114C	115B	116I	117V	118D	119D	120Q
121W	122G	123V	124A	125R	126T	127J	128O	129K	130H	131J	132U	133E	134G	135V
136K	137C	138Q	139M	140D	141AA	142J	143A	144D	145P	146S	147O	148B	149X	150H
151R	152L	153W	154M	155AA	156R	157B	158G	159J	160A	161Q	162Y	163F	164C	165M
166W	167N	168H	169S	170A	171O	172R	173X	174D	175O	176L	177V	178S	179G	180F
181T	182V	183L	184Y	185R	186P	187H	188G	189Z	190F	191K	192G	193V	194D	195W
196U	197J	198X	199D	200P	201U	202U	203M	204V	205L	206N	207AA			