

**CRYPT-A-CROSTIC #26**  
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 last word of the quotation by August 20, 2006.

**CLUES****ANSWERS**

A Old PR man's living in erotic fantasy

114 131 47 70 133 28 40 76 109 139 123B Cajun menu item: Excellent scrambled tofu, *prix fixe*89 128 173 167 176 107 39 3

C Give up wobbly wheel—not worth it (4 wds)

1 88 12 54 72 115 148 142 181 10849 64 92 187 199

D Search in lake direction for Lady Godiva, perhaps?

130 45 125 9 20 196 146 60 19 80 119 151

E Fiber provided in turbulent times?

158 177 174 17 150 26 62 81

F Memorable arts must be original—first of all, dance

22 36 156 172 100

G Girl wrapped in flannel

191 37 59 147

H Bad day in NY: nag becomes symbol of extremes (3 wds)

188 105 55 79 103 179 155 67 163 82

I Last in first out, lacking nothing—swell launch

18 32 63 137 113 106 34J According to *The Tattler*, what I do to a punching bag in orbit (2 wds)11 44 91 120 136 38 69 97 160

K Briefly successful exposure of camera shot? (4 wds)

145 78 84 126 129 93 111 175 194 200 23 162 135

L Quasimodo's clone

58 117 8 83 132 189

M They catch typos, you might say, to express opinion

30 66 50 87 71 4 6 13 24 77 101 57

- N Governor to effect seizure—he's dead  
140 98 75 178 121
- O Hang out in China to find something  
warm and valuable  
53 138 168 85 149 161 21 183 94 124
- P Obstructed deer, pesky deer  
143 182 152 99 5 90 190 104
- Q Half of Belize, though backward, soon  
to become another country  
95 122 198 164 116 154 61
- R Poisonous fungus having curious  
sac—creepy thing  
25 48 56 171 35 141 65 185
- S Truth in NASA project?  
7 157 153 74 46 31 43 195 165
- T Add money—start somewhat  
small: \$10?  
134 180 102 110 192 127 169
- U Promiscuous partner—or just a piece of  
bedroom furniture (3 wds with hyph or  
2 wds)  
118 27 184 52 15 170 186 193 68 112 197 33 86
- V Desert area, as in western Mojave,  
generally  
16 144 166 159 10
- W Villainous Booth saw a musical!  
14 2 41 29 96 51 42 73

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