

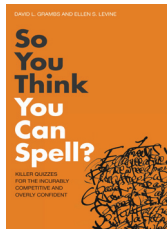
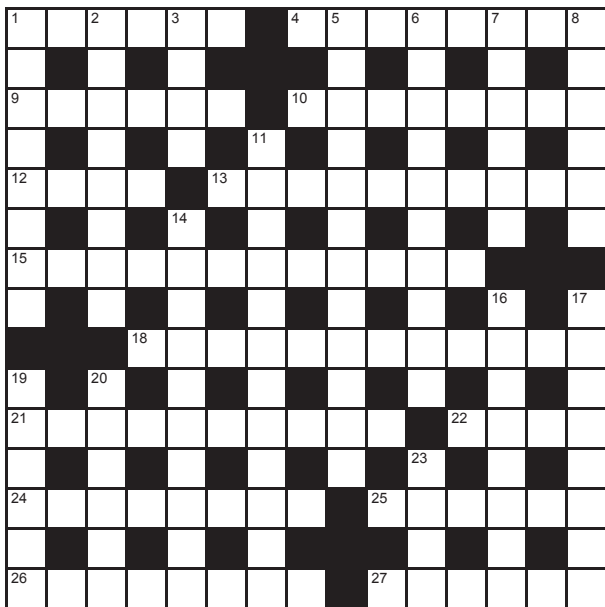
Crossword 14,182 Set by Mudd

ACROSS

- 1 Great abomination primarily, setter's crime (6)
- 4 Golfer's assistant back in brief relationship – that's brief! (8)
- 9 Christmas dinner a flop? (6)
- 10 Alien, one wandering by the way (8)
- 12 As a dipso, lose everything? (4)
- 13 Exciting childish habit? (4-6)
- 15 Poor owner fed with dull pork pie, come hell or high water (2,6,4)
- 18 Romantic subplot, novelist entwined with tree? (4,8)
- 19 Two bullets for the gardener's killer (4,6)
- 22 Author extracting monster from cheese (4)
- 24 One travelling up from Accra, Belize only half way, perhaps? (5,3)
- 25 Sound as a bell to screen team sport (6)
- 26 'ouse landlord endlessly making breakfast (8)
- 27 Shove off – learn to fly? (4,2)

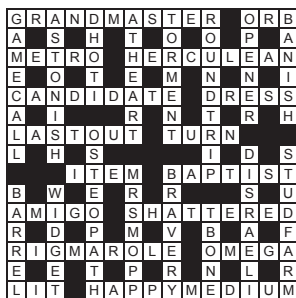
DOWN

- 1 Books Shakespeare put in bag no good for the nation (8)
- 2 Child, say, up on old battle cry (8)
- 3 Come across flesh by one's ear (4)
- 5 Colossus of Rhodes, perhaps, shrunk? That's no surprise (6,6)
- 6 I'd created a complex to be rooted out (10)
- 7 Girl as part of the completed crossword? (6)
- 8 Jazz music turned up, then time? – for another music genre? (6)
- 11 Possible advice to the pastry chef, bitter sweet (8,4)
- 14 Contrived metaphors over English air (10)
- 16 Spanish gentleman involved in robbery, one enjoying himself (8)
- 17 Neat hand (8)
- 19 Film cop with shy mongrel (6)
- 20 Discover sound that's deep (6)
- 23 Region, the last one (4)

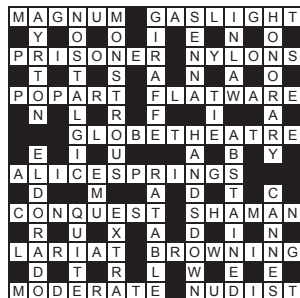


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Solution 14,181



Solution 14,170



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