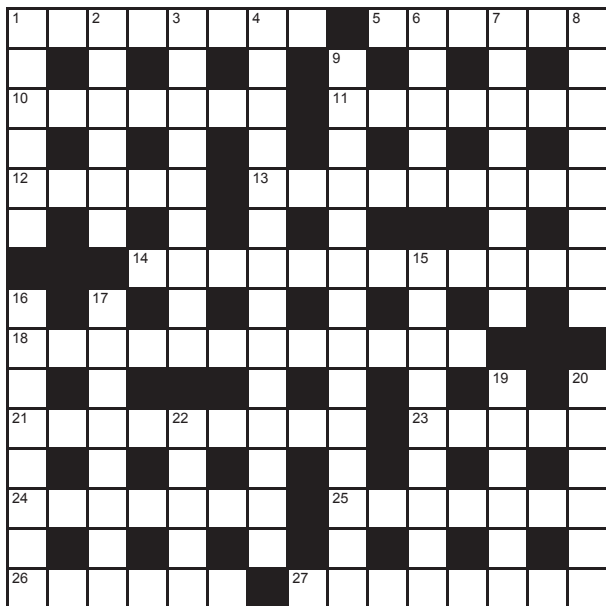


# Crossword 14,221 Set by Mudd

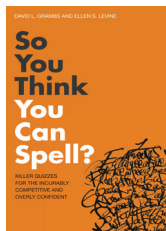
## ACROSS

- 1 English shrub so thorny? (8)
- 5 Cloak on chap half disappearing into river (6)
- 10 Place for wheels filled with black, hot air (7)
- 11 Perhaps the piece shouldn't start (7)
- 12 Boredom in university through not entirely private backing (5)
- 13 Means of access for a current scandal? (9)
- 14 Factual programmes mention, in fact, no Conservative blunders (12)
- 18 Foot numb, not quite hideous, beauty in part of the hand (5,2,5)
- 21 Scattering of rain vital, as inhibiting disease (9)
- 23 Parcel out, left in a heap (5)
- 24 Looks in ruins, drag erotic? On the contrary! (7)
- 25 Hot metal secure without income support (3,4)
- 26 Too much carried over (2,4)
- 27 Journalist in store for a particular habit? (8)



## DOWN

- 1 Might the hearthside be so rough? (6)
- 2 Number of animals, might one be plucked? (6)
- 3 Hard thing, seeing fan in a yellow shirt? (6,3)
- 4 Setting where Hood refers to Will Scarlett, for starters, as merry? (8,6)
- 6 River mammal more extravagant? (5)
- 7 Perennial series almost getting the last word (8)
- 8 Old contact not entirely consuming continental breakfast (8)
- 9 Ecl? (7,7)
- 15 An uglier sort of affliction, firstly, that's painful (9)
- 16 Little rascal put out, as hurt (8)
- 17 Try hard to get coach ticket out, top clipped (4,1,3)
- 19 College beginning to taste blood (6)
- 20 Tight as a bee's backside? (6)
- 22 Sign showing right, entering Spanish port (5)



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## Solution 14,220



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