

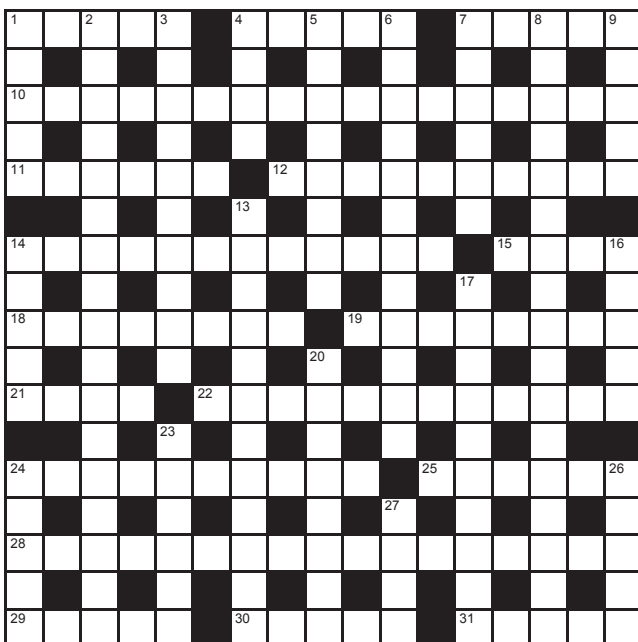
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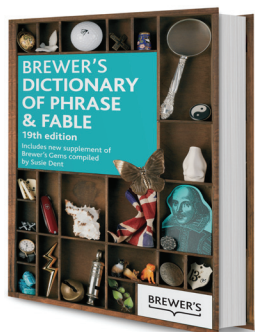
- 1 Albert, French writer awarded the 1957 Nobel Prize for literature (5)
- 4 South African golfer who won the Open Championship four times (5)
- 7 2000 film starring Gérard Depardieu, Uma Thurman, and Tim Roth (5)
- 10 Person trained in the treatment of diseases of domestic animals (10,7)
- 11 Greek city destroyed by Alexander the Great in 336BC (6)
- 12 Monster strangled by Hercules as his first labour (6,4)
- 14 BBC TV classical music quiz, chaired by Joseph Cooper (4,3,5)
- 15 Countess of the Vexin, daughter of Louis VII and Constance of Castile (4)
- 18 Linford, winner of the 100 metres gold medal at the 1992 Olympics (8)
- 19 Protagonist in Spenser's *The Faerie Queene*, and Britten's opera for the coronation of Elizabeth II (8)
- 21 One of the nine rivers in the underworld (4)
- 22 Magic elixir, common to many fairy tales (7,5)
- 24 Disco song, written and performed by the Bee Gees (5,5)
- 25 Author of *The Road to Wigan Pier* (6)
- 28 Hardy rare breed of pig (10,3,4)
- 29 Italo, pseudonym of Ettore Schmitz, Italian novelist (5)
- 30 New Zealand tree with white wood (5)
- 31 Richard, US artist, best known for his photorealist paintings (5)

DOWN

- 1 Nocturnal carnivorous mammal with a barred and spotted coat (5)
- 2 The great black petrel or fulmar of the Pacific (6,6,5)
- 3 Of plants having runners, like a strawberry (10)
- 4 City in Sweden, founded in about 1020 by the Danish King Canute (4)
- 5 Monstrous watchdog which guarded the entrance to Hades (8)
- 6 The eighth solo album by Kris Kristofferson, released in 1978 (6,6)
- 7 Italian city on the River Adige (6)
- 8 1956 film starring Jayne Mansfield with the title song performed by Little Richard (3,4,4,4,2)
- 9 The principal figure in the Russian Revolution and first premier of the Soviet Union (5)
- 13 1991 French black comedy film directed by Jean-Pierre Jeunet and Marc Caro (12)
- 14 Sir Vivian, English explorer (5)
- 16 Kay, US jazz singer who enjoyed success in the 1940s and 50s (5)
- 17 County town of Wiltshire (10)
- 20 Hardening of (especially subcutaneous) tissues (8)
- 23 Fine plaster used for coating wall surfaces or moulding into architectural decorations (6)
- 24 Drink of port or sherry mixed with hot water, sweetened and spiced (5)
- 26 Thomas, English bookbinder and manufacturer of diaries (5)
- 27 Japanese musical instrument consisting of a long box with 13 silk strings (4)



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