

ACROSTIC #9
by Accipiter

Instructions Solve the cryptic clues, and transfer the letters of the answers to the appropriate 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* was used in the construction of this puzzle. If you find the answer to clue V questionable, so be it. I am grateful as always to Claire Trazenfeld for her skill and patience in test-solving these puzzles. Please submit author, title, and the last word of the quotation by July 20, 2003.

One further note: The grid this month contains blacked-in squares indicating word divisions, in the usual style of crosswords and crostic puzzles. My reason for according solvers this bit of help should become obvious as the puzzle takes form. However, I would be happy to black in squares on all future acrostic grids *if a majority of solvers would prefer to have them in that format*. Please indicate your preference when you submit your solution.

Clues	Answers
A Magistrate deserved diamonds	<u>113</u> <u>161</u> <u>132</u> <u>7</u> <u>126</u> <u>71</u> <u>30</u>
B Really hot action	<u>111</u> <u>179</u> <u>5</u> <u>28</u> <u>65</u> <u>82</u>
C Tailless parrot clutching Haitian's pretty earthenware	<u>62</u> <u>13</u> <u>117</u> <u>143</u> <u>148</u> <u>156</u> <u>22</u> <u>93</u>
D Naughty Tom, nude on a horse!	<u>92</u> <u>77</u> <u>15</u> <u>154</u> <u>109</u> <u>189</u> <u>106</u>
E Second person starts to yawn, opens up another love letter (3-3)	<u>163</u> <u>61</u> <u>50</u> <u>130</u> <u>123</u> <u>18</u>
F Sinking lower, dance tends to become wild	<u>183</u> <u>150</u> <u>42</u> <u>36</u> <u>80</u> <u>6</u> <u>46</u> <u>147</u> <u>165</u> <u>141</u>
G Mended undies including top of zipper with the surface not prepared	<u>144</u> <u>187</u> <u>115</u> <u>118</u> <u>75</u> <u>33</u> <u>178</u>
H Shredded newspaper, then diploma	<u>16</u> <u>63</u> <u>32</u> <u>188</u> <u>182</u> <u>162</u>
I A few lacking iron and energy; a few better than usual	<u>37</u> <u>1</u> <u>10</u> <u>155</u> <u>74</u> <u>79</u> <u>47</u>
J "O" (not "H") in German feature	<u>86</u> <u>91</u> <u>14</u> <u>57</u> <u>172</u> <u>107</u> <u>49</u>
K Let nun (Reformed) pass through a barrier	<u>152</u> <u>176</u> <u>101</u> <u>103</u> <u>88</u> <u>124</u>
L Experiment briefly edited, speeded up	<u>184</u> <u>151</u> <u>67</u> <u>56</u> <u>59</u> <u>135</u> <u>78</u> <u>128</u> <u>145</u>
M Dishonorable discharge in Madrid's very dirty	<u>119</u> <u>108</u> <u>45</u> <u>40</u> <u>23</u>

N	Flexible pipe fitting that is starting to leak, doing without ring	$\overline{121}$	$\overline{8}$	$\overline{87}$	$\overline{26}$	$\overline{166}$	$\overline{170}$	$\overline{73}$	$\overline{125}$			
O	Toasted dark nuts, including last bit of pecan	$\overline{190}$	$\overline{31}$	$\overline{17}$	$\overline{112}$	$\overline{94}$						
P	Undivided less 90? That's hard to comprehend	$\overline{43}$	$\overline{38}$	$\overline{66}$	$\overline{159}$	$\overline{122}$	$\overline{55}$	$\overline{95}$				
Q	Believed to be pickup truck at the Front leading Peron's return	$\overline{97}$	$\overline{114}$	$\overline{131}$	$\overline{186}$	$\overline{85}$	$\overline{25}$	$\overline{127}$	$\overline{153}$			
R	Lecherous lover at the end—and maybe in the middle	$\overline{21}$	$\overline{11}$	$\overline{12}$	$\overline{68}$	$\overline{142}$						
S	Possession that's painful: rolling pin! Hers!	$\overline{2}$	$\overline{138}$	$\overline{84}$	$\overline{104}$	$\overline{24}$	$\overline{70}$	$\overline{53}$	$\overline{81}$	$\overline{136}$		
T	Cross plank holding bridge	$\overline{35}$	$\overline{76}$	$\overline{64}$	$\overline{72}$							
U	Not much sympathy in this fictional farm (<i>2 wds</i>)	$\overline{133}$	$\overline{175}$	$\overline{4}$	$\overline{27}$	$\overline{146}$	$\overline{83}$	$\overline{120}$	$\overline{171}$	$\overline{41}$	$\overline{185}$	$\overline{60}$
V	Tolkien character assumes last of debts for follower of English philosopher	$\overline{139}$	$\overline{20}$	$\overline{9}$	$\overline{181}$	$\overline{98}$	$\overline{52}$	$\overline{180}$				
W	Ridiculed date-nut mixture	$\overline{160}$	$\overline{140}$	$\overline{3}$	$\overline{90}$	$\overline{137}$	$\overline{168}$	$\overline{89}$				
X	Stoke Arco stove—such things provide warmth	$\overline{44}$	$\overline{157}$	$\overline{105}$	$\overline{34}$	$\overline{174}$	$\overline{100}$	$\overline{54}$	$\overline{110}$	$\overline{167}$		
Y	Showing the skill of a Dodger: a run (first of ten) –perfect play at last!	$\overline{58}$	$\overline{134}$	$\overline{116}$	$\overline{19}$	$\overline{96}$	$\overline{39}$	$\overline{149}$	$\overline{51}$			
Z	Packaged with lid off, classified for suitable viewing	$\overline{48}$	$\overline{69}$	$\overline{173}$	$\overline{169}$	$\overline{99}$						
AA	Bill showed the way, out of consideration	$\overline{102}$	$\overline{164}$	$\overline{29}$	$\overline{177}$	$\overline{158}$	$\overline{129}$					

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