

CRYPT-A-CROSTIC #24--Solution

Jon Krakauer, *Into Thin Air*, Villard, 1997

... [A] climber must be exceedingly driven, but if you're too driven you're likely to die. Above twenty six thousand feet ... the line between [judicious] zeal and reckless summit fever ... [is] thin. Thus the slopes of Everest are littered with corpses. *[With apologies to the author for changing his word "appropriate" to "judicious" to provide the J needed in clue A.]*

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| A JELLY ROLL | L I'M+MU+NI+ZED (<i>nigh</i> homophone) |
| B OFF THE CUFF | M NIHIL+IST (<i>Nile</i> homophone) |
| C NEWLYWEDS (anag) | N TOUCH(S)TONE |
| D KNEE-S+LAP+PER | O OVER+EX(C)ITED |
| E REVI(EWE)D (anag) | P TROUBLES+HOOT |
| F AT+HEISTS | R IV+Y-COVERED |
| G KEDGE+REE(f) | Q HI+TwiT+ITE |
| H ABSTEMIOUS (anag) | S N(U+B+B)Y |
| I ULYSSES (hidden) | T ABECEDARIAN (anag) |
| J EXTR+E+ME | U I+N(TU)(I)TIVE (<i>invite</i> anag) |
| K R(O)STEN | V RUSTED (hidden in rev) |

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