

Across

1. Maori greenstone ornament (4)
3. *The Shawshank Redemption* was based on a novella by this American horror writer (7,4)
9. The pilgrimage to Mecca to be made at least once by a Muslim (4)
11. Typical chonmage hairstyle of the Samurai of ancient Japan or the Sumo wrestler of today (7)
12. Roping tool for Pecos Bill (6)
13. The sleeve-style named after a British Crimean commander - the disastrous campaign gave us the cardigan and the balaclava (6)
14. Tarka or Gavin Maxwell's Mijbil from *Ring Of Bright Water* (5)
15. Scottish retreat which boasts the King's, Queen's and Centenary golf courses (10)
17. Biblical vessel into which the animals went two by two (4'1,3)
19. Rhodian statue that was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World (8)
22. Bratislava is the capital of this new Central European nation (8)
25. Lou Reed's *Walk On The Wild Side* referred to the people he met at 'The Factory', the New York studio of this artist (4,6)
27. Author whose publishers were brought to trial in 1960 on the grounds of obscenity in the novel, *Lady Chatterley's Lover* - the publishers won (1,1,8)
28. Cormac McCarthy's work, Javier Bardem won an Oscar for his role in the film; *No Country For ... Men* (3)
29. Food-poisoning bug found in poultry and its products (10)
31. The path taken by a missile or projectile (10)
33. This player defended his World Chess Championship title three times against fellow-Russian, Karpov (8)
36. Ali G catchphrase (along with 'Respek' and 'Keep it real') (4,4)
39. The bit of lab glassware in which, colloquially, an IVF baby is created (4,4)
41. Someone operating an enterprise on their own (or playing lots of musical instruments at once - much easier since the advent of computers) (3-3,4)
43. Artist who sculpted *The Thinker* (5)
44. In Haitian Voodoo, this is a body without a soul, raised from the dead by a houngan (6)
46. Shade of pale in the Procol Harum song (6)
48. Lightning Ridge gemstone prized for its play of colour (4)
49. People from the flattest and driest inhabited continent (11)
50. Khartoum and Cairo both lie along this North African river (4)
6. Decade before the turn of the century (8)
7. Term to describe a trainee doctor or someone in a 'work experience' position (6)
8. Benjamin Britten's opera about Queen Elizabeth I (8)
9. WWI Field Marshal Douglas or NATO commander Alexander (4)
10. US 'Camelot' president (4,1,7)
16. Charlton Heston played this heroic 11th century Spanish warrior (2,3)
18. TV philosopher de Botton or three Michelin-starred chef Ducasse (5)
20. Small chests or tables with drawers, the latter were fashionable in the 18th century (7)
21. Student at Oxford in receipt of Cecil's bounty deriving from his lucrative career in Africa, Rhodes ... (7)
23. French royal house (7)
24. Pakistan's major cricket venue, the National Stadium, is located in this port city (7)
25. Coldest temperature on Kelvin's scale (8,4)
26. Largest volcano on earth, Hawaii's Mauna ... (3)
27. Banned insecticide originally used to combat mosquitoes (1,1,1)
30. Ullswater and Windermere in the UK, for example (5)
32. The art form, according to Robert Burns, 'where a guy gets stabbed in the back, and instead of dying, he sings' (5)
34. The inimitable Sybil in *Fawlty Towers*, ... Scales (8)

Down

1. Dusk that's the time of day for Stephenie Meyer's vampires (8)
2. Band of armed Zulu warriors in pre-colonial times (4)
3. Capital of the South American country once led by Augusto Pinochet (8)
4. Inheritance device which prevented the Bennet girls from inheriting Longbourn (6)
5. Trance-inducing technique used to recover suppressed memories (8)

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35. Given name of the current Prime Minister and former President of Russia (8)
36. The type of imprisonment that's been illegal since Magna Carta (8)
37. The strategic defence initiative announced in the Reagan regime in which laser weapons in orbit were to provide a defensive shield (4,4)
38. Acting dynasty whose members include Michael, Vanessa and Jemma (8)
40. The Rodgers & Hart musical, *The Boys From Syracuse*, was based on Shakespeare's *A Comedy Of ...* (6)
42. Skin condition characterised by rash, swelling and itchiness (6)
45. Adult male crocodile, hippopotamus or yak (4)
47. Age after the Bronze period in archaeology (4)

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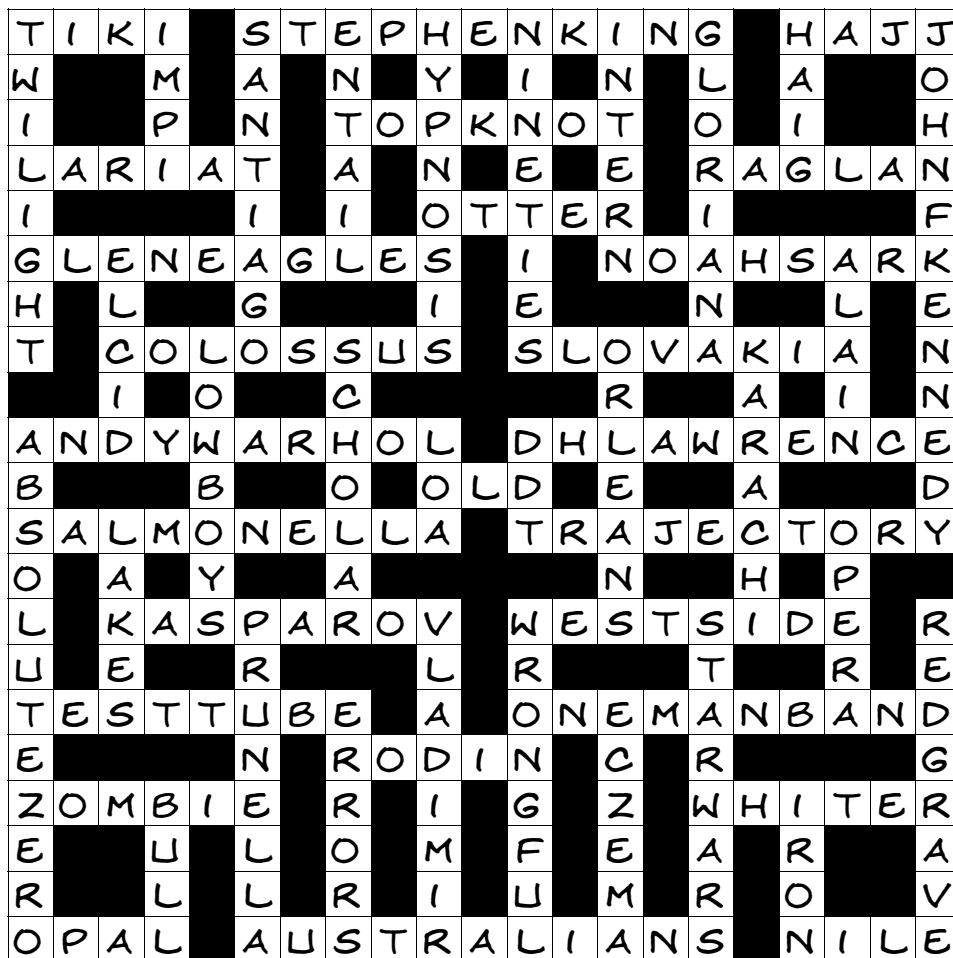
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