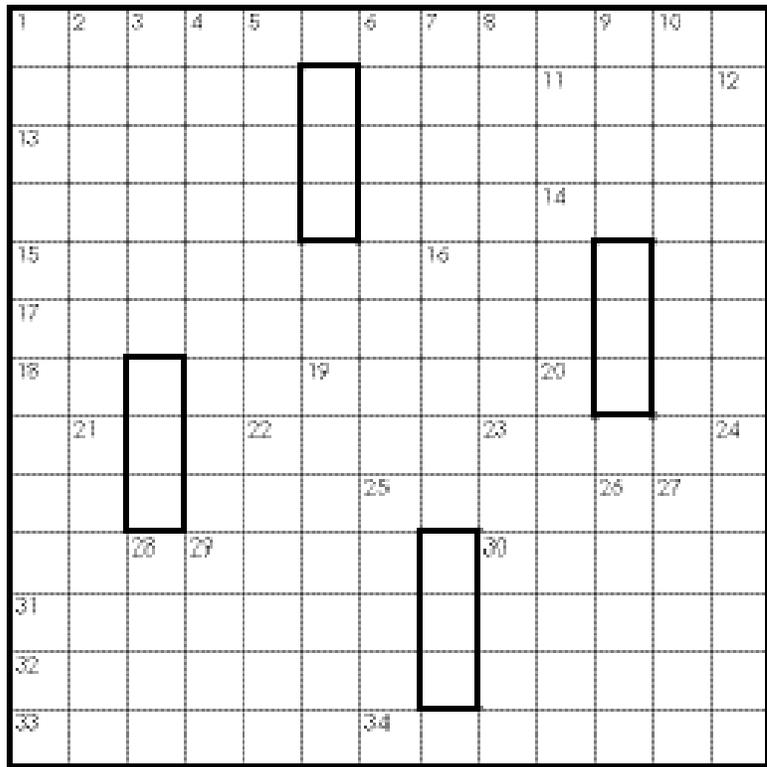


THE PUZZLER

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Box Set

This puzzle features a collector's edition of sorts boxed into four outlined "volumes." Twelve unclued Across entries, with lengths ranging from three to seven, are contributors to the set; each crosses one of the volumes, providing one of its letters. The four completed volumes, when read column by column from left to right, will reveal the title of the collection. Clue answers should be entered normally, though their starting and ending bars are not shown. Five clue answers are capitalized; 21 Down may be unfamiliar.



Note: The instructions above are for this month's puzzle only. An introduction to clue-solving may be found online at www.theatlantic.com/issues/puzzclue.htm.

ACROSS

1. Friend with indistinct aura is fortuneteller (7)
7. Reversing train, wait for fare? (6)
11. Crowd on the outskirts of a biblical land (4)
13. In Britain, grandma wraps a flat bread (4)
14. Striptease artist stowing away on a cruise? (4)
15. Paul came out with apology (3,5)
17. Deem era including rap MC "up and down" (7)
23. Two Greek characters in work by Michelangelo (5)
25. Barbershop band with openings, needing backup (5)
30. Coins, with true regret, returned (5)
31. Gold fruit left unfinished in cafeteria of sorts (7)
32. Locate flatfish in the sound (5)
33. Sobs at ruined clogs (6)
34. Secure those small nut trees (7)

DOWN

1. Land in North America, embraced by both parents (6)
2. Promenade with a feeble prosecutor (7)
3. Browse pasture with female (4)
4. Spilled rum cola on sort of telescope (9)
5. Fuzz not counting the first boorish trespass (7)
6. Got the better of Mr. Turner, taking seat (7)
7. O'Brien's excellent letters for a geneticist (4)
8. Italian woman put on article the wrong way (5)
9. In speech, uplifts lads (4)
10. Moving a lot, keep Wordsworth or Coleridge (4,4)
11. Food area in Alice's restaurant (5)
12. Smart bishop showering (6)
16. Warn cast later (5)
18. Push cab after wrecking some auto parts (7)
19. Wealthy Confederate general's recited ceremonies (7)
20. Devoutly practice collecting debts (7)
21. Bright spot for a copper in Florida (6)
22. Fly home for animals before noon (4)
23. Hunt club involved in hype many, many years (4,2)
24. Rate beasts of burden second (6)
25. Turning set is exercise (3-2)
26. Spot love after dance (5)
27. Tenor with unique pitch (4)
28. Try crackers on the way back (4)
29. John picks up 100 bananas (4)