

Crossword 14,484 Set by Cinephile

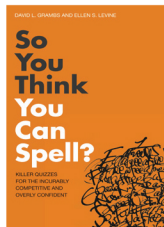
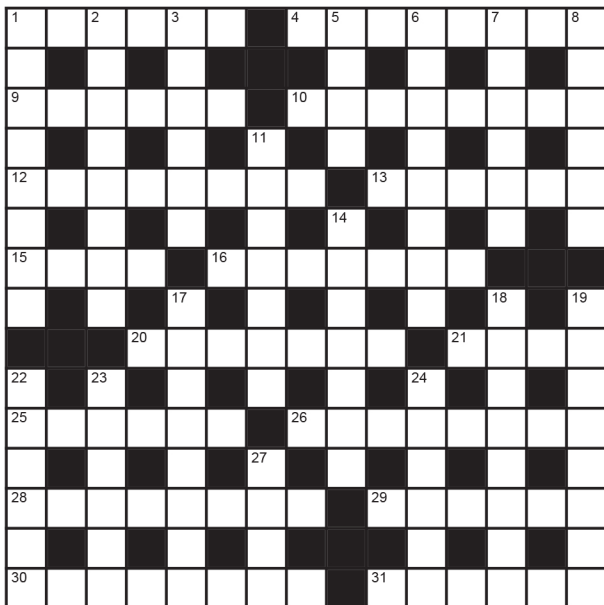
ACROSS

- 1 Old piece of pound exposed on ice (not sovereign) (6)
- 4 Old piece of raised ground in identical part of prison (8)
- 9 Refuse to accept one's time off? (6)
- 10 Welsh town injudiciously backed to grasp more than an inch (8)
- 12 999, say, for underground tree with twisted centre (8)
- 13 Little pieces are protean (6)
- 15 Not a piece and not English (4)
- 16 Dog for hire unlike these pieces (7)
- 20 Like these old pieces, it is hot after brief comment on cold? (7)
- 21 Old piece of arachnid (4)
- 25 Killer concealed by flower (6)
- 26 I printed out "Brave" (8)
- 28 Maybe Murphy's radical hairstyle? (4,4)
- 29 Old piece for the sun? (6)
- 30 40.5 gallons of beer and skittles (8)
- 31 Come up with exotic dances (6)

DOWN

- 1 Old piece of remote object (8)
- 2 Old boots Lee might have repaired (8)
- 3 Starts of sequential months as affront (6)
- 5, 23 Old piece attained by William or Mary? (4,1,5)
- 6 It's normally written of most of African country in most of capital (8)
- 7 Lives left with traffic about? (6)
- 8 Old piece of country – or new? (6)
- 11 Any grabbing of a night in Paris for regular payment (7)
- 14 It's given now (7)
- 17 One in racing turned up with prize drink (5,3)
- 18 Old piece crossing itself below (8)
- 19 Proffered number of foreign coloured (8)
- 22 River Avon's funny old piece of literature (6)
- 23 See 5
- 24 John's old pieces? (6)
- 27 Two proverbially at home with piece (4)

John Graham, crossword compiler Cinephile, died earlier this week at the age of 92. After more than 30 years as an FT compiler this is his last puzzle.



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Solution 14,483



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