

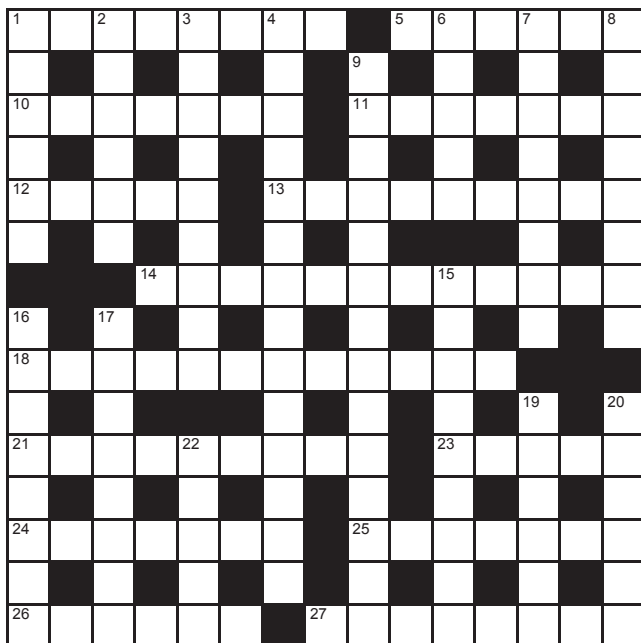
Crossword 16,194 Set by Mudd

ACROSS

- 1 Ruby anniversary, out to save relationship! (8)
- 5 One of two lines read initially, in matter for discussion (6)
- 10 Royal fruit (7)
- 11 One for the road possibly knocked back in the Crown and Sceptre? (7)
- 12 Opener interested in bagging runs (5)
- 13 Oldest bus in need of repair, of course (9)
- 14 Academic postman? (3,2,7)
- 18 Worried piano will get taken back (12)
- 21 Southern Iran and Oman formed another country (3,6)
- 23 Level of tennis where vitality under discussion? (5)
- 24 Shame qualification not entirely inspiring Bill (7)
- 25 Champion, one of twenty-four in harmony (7)
- 26 Ship heading for Cornwall, say (6)
- 27 Sweets – fifty in Persian confection (8)

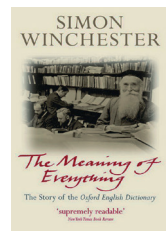
DOWN

- 1 Sword with Nazi inscription, museum piece (6)
- 2 Tell part of the tale, rather uplifting (6)
- 3 Love throwing chap up into air too carelessly (9)
- 4 Creature hiding underground: with predator, drop is perilous (4-4,6)
- 6 Just ceremony to be broadcast? (5)
- 7 Fielder bats after Pakistani opener taken (8)
- 8 Most vulgar actress wildly embracing love (8)
- 9 Business adviser gives one a nosebleed, perhaps? (14)
- 15 Rated awful, factory routine (9)
- 16 In parts, classic screening is old and dreary, primarily (8)
- 17 Oddly, nana wears crown for party (3,5)
- 19 Reddish-brown char, gold on top (6)
- 20 Numbers still wearing smalls (6)
- 22 A confusing network, wow! (5)



Solution 16,193

Solution 16,182



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