

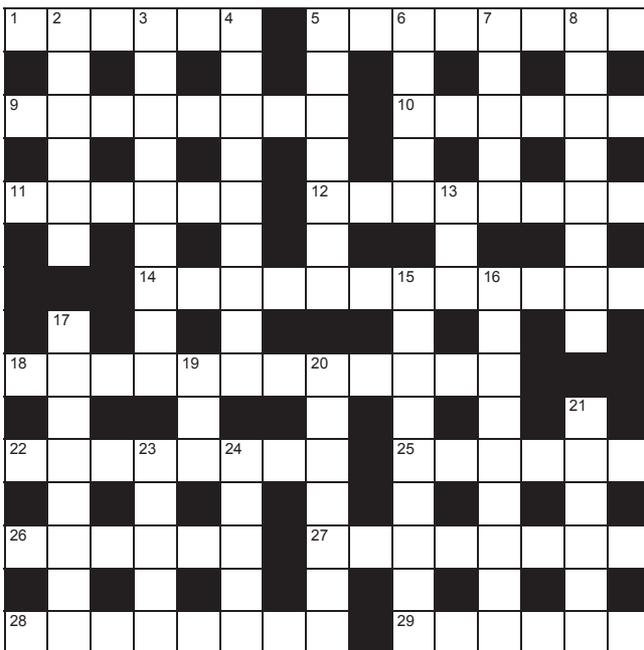
Crossword 16,302 Set by Alberich

ACROSS

- 1 Complained about unfilled pothole in road (6)
- 5 Deficit in fuel is massive (8)
- 9 Claim Yorkshire town lacks aspiration (8)
- 10 Prepared, with me going in for a treatment (6)
- 11 Reptile saving one exotic bird (6)
- 12 Fashionable point of view, for example (8)
- 14 Food that by implication could be too apt? (6,6)
- 18 Turn out as the Sun is expected to do? (4,3,5)
- 22 Tailless insectivore, first among perils for fly near the ground (5-3)
- 25 Realise murderer must keep quiet (4,2)
- 26 Artist, a towering figure around Italy (6)
- 27 Troublemaker backed old-fashioned businessman (8)
- 28 Possibly last page is introduction to Michelangelo's David? (8)
- 29 In time, traitor will make mistakes (6)

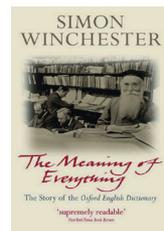
DOWN

- 2 A desire that's excessive? Yes (6)
- 3 Agenda against the ounce, presumably? (9)
- 4 Sadly, end involved swallowing one's pride? (6,3)
- 5 Boots perhaps mostly seen with European woman's garment (7)
- 6 See, teacher upset tree-dweller (5)
- 7 Not all glamorous ambassadors dance (5)
- 8 Give up salt, a diet counsellor initially ordered (8)
- 13 Moreover, nearly all saw? (3)
- 15 Dictator's supreme rule (9)
- 16 Money handler wants safe in back, after short time (9)
- 17 One composer or another wanting daughter to support sibling (8)
- 19 One is evenly matched (3)
- 20 It's posh cooking, one argues plausibly (7)
- 21 Mum is retrogressing fast (6)
- 23 Restaurant or some bars? (5)
- 24 Island hotel put up capital (5)



Solution 16,301

Solution 16,290



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