

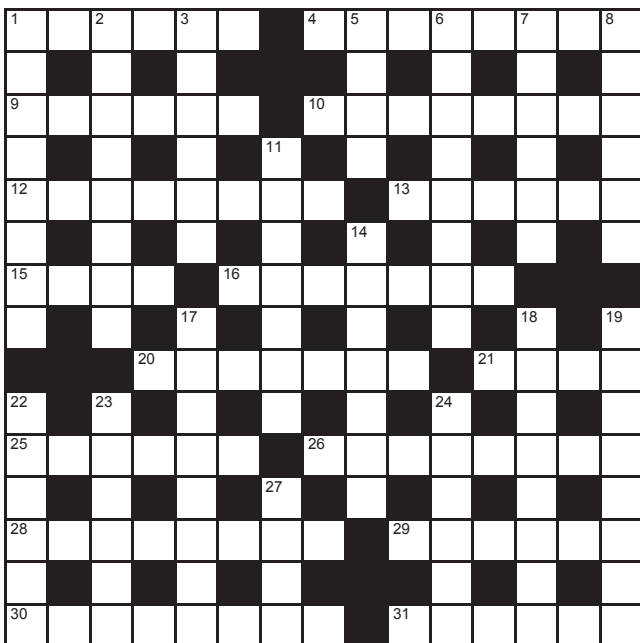
# Crossword 16,308 Set by Mudd

## ACROSS

- 1 Criticism about hospital routine (6)
- 4 Character ready for war, perhaps? (4,4)
- 9 Athlete in the groove? (6)
- 10 Cursed, old bird (8)
- 12 European \* leader? (4,4)
- 13 Brief avian activity (6)
- 15 Some recollection of mine, delightful garden (4)
- 16 Garnish in a stew for dishing out equally (7)
- 20 Fetching up (7)
- 21 Centre of wall, very much on top (4)
- 25 In the moat, not all swimming (2,4)
- 26 Sword put by leader of Macdonalds into heart (8)
- 28 Variation of Elgar, it includes new instrument (8)
- 29 Go like a trading vehicle? (6)
- 30 Bloody little thing behind fifty favourite dresses (8)
- 31 North-eastern direction most fresh (6)

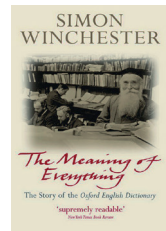
## DOWN

- 1 Short of money in bonds, perhaps? (8)
- 2 More complicated, relating to dance (8)
- 3 Tuck remarkable skirts into bag (6)
- 5 Mate matey, though not at first (4)
- 6 Offload fish in food parcel (8)
- 7 Oddly, a mum not like – her sister? (6)
- 8 Adequate figure raised, I'm disgusted (6)
- 11 Stylish running (7)
- 14 Shocking in race, to be honest (7)
- 17 Sparkly girl on volcano, climbing? (8)
- 18 Line four switched for nine on the periodic table (8)
- 19 I don't care about me? Not entirely (8)
- 22 Computer fitting in dock (6)
- 23 Female boxer standing for Victoria's girl? (6)
- 24 Primate OK to repeat (3-3)
- 27 Low, shade on the right? (4)



Solution 16,307

Solution 16,296



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