



Acrostic

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DOUBLE ACROSTIC X MINUS THREE

(In Looking Glass Land, things go in reverse. The next acrostic will be **X minus Four.**)

You will need to print the acrostic in order to solve it. When the diagram is filled in, it will contain a quotation from a published work. Numbered squares in the diagram correspond to the numbered blanks to be filled in with the answers to the clues. The first letters of each answer, when read downwards, will spell the name of the author and the title of the work from which the quotation comes. The letter following the number in each square indicates the clue whose answer includes the letter to be entered in that square. Nearly all the clues have something to do with children's literature. You do not need to know more than about 8 (some say 6) answers to begin. As skeletons of words begin to form in the diagram and some initial letters of author and title are in place, work back and forth. Soon the parts of the puzzle will solve one another. Answers will be posted on the site on July 2, 1998.

The White Knight is affronted! He was just getting the idea of these puzzles, he says, when the rules changed! Not a big change, but still ... how can the puzzler do that just because the quotation she likes so much doesn't have enough Ks in it? So there they are, two Ks already written in Clues K and Z that don't get entered into the quotation. The W.K. does admit he appreciates a little help with those two initial letters in such a long puzzle, but he still thinks rules are rules and should always be kept and if the Red Queen learns about this, there's sure to be trouble...

1 W	2 P	3 CC		4 M	5 K	6 V		7 L	8 R	9 E	10 P	11 G	12 U	13 Q	14 W	15 K		16 Z	17
18 X	19 CC		20 G	21 V	22 W	23 A	24 R	25 U		26 B	27	28 P	29 A	30 L	31 D	32 O	33 W		AA
35 BB		36 P	37 Y		38 L	39 B	40 A	41 T	42 F	43		44 CC	45 Y	46 R	47 W	48 P		49 K	
50 O	51 J	52 CC	53 M	54 D		55 W	56 L		57 N	58 P	59 G	60 K		61 BB	62 O		63 X		64 F
65 J	66 H		67 W		68 J	69 CC	70 U	71 B	72 K	73 D	74 L		75 W	76 E	77	78 S		79 C	
80 J	81 Y	82 Q	83 L	84 CC		85 W	86 Z		87 R	88 C	89 E	90 V		91 L	92 W		93 C		94 Y
95 I	96 BB		97 P	98 V		99 K	100	101	102 G	103	104	105 Z	106 D		107 I	108 P	109		110 C
111 R	112	113 L	114	115	116 K	117 V	118 H		119 S	120		121 C	122	123 Z		124 X	125	126 V	
127 D	128 K		129	130 B	131 P	132	133 L	134 V	135 I	136 A	137	138 Z		139 G	140	141		142	143 K
144 P	145 E		146 H	147 F		148 R	149	150 L	151 K	152 A	153	154 V	155 Z	156		157	158 C	159 P	
160 K	161 V	162 G	163	164	165		166	167 Z	168 T	169 V	170 F		171 P	172 C	173	174 S	175 V	176 D	177 R
178 J		179 E	180 K		181 F	182	183 B		184	185 H	186 L		187 T	188 D	189	190 V		191 C	192 R
193	194 P	195 L	196	197 K	198	199	200 L	201 H		202	203 Z	204 J	205	206 B	207		208 K	209 I	210 S
	211 P	212 T	213 K	214 A	215 L	216	217 H	218 F		219 R	220	221 K		222	223 V	224	225		226 P
227	228 G	229 Y		230 S	231 K	232 L		233	234 R	235 C	236		237 D	238 T	239 E		240 J	241 L	242
								M			Q								O
243 G	244 P		245 I	246	247 K	248 F	249 H	250	251 D	252 C	253		254 X	255 K					
			N				W				M								

A. To tickle or puzzle (Scot.)



B. A popular picture-book aardvark

39 183 26 130 206 71

C. Jess and Leslie's imaginary kingdom

191 172 252 93 110 79 121 158 235 88

D. Bemelmans book about government plans for a hydroelectric plant in the Austrian Tyrol; The ... (2 wds.)

31 127 176 188 237 251 73 106 54

E. Peter or Fiver

89 76 239 9 179 145

F. A Chinese Cinderella (hyph.)

218 170 181 147 64 42 248

G. "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but ... never hurt me." (2 wds.)

59 11 228 102 34 139 162 243 20

H. A classic game, Snakes and ...

118 146 201 66 185 217 249

I. "... siege of Belle Isle I was there all the while" (2 wds.)

107 245 135 209 95

J. Thumbelina's transport to the warm countries

178 240 65 204 68 51 80

K. She came to visit because of a little nut-tree (4 wds.)

128 231 15 180 213 221 72 197 143 116 60 160 5 99 208 247 255 49 151

L. "If I'd as much money as I could tell, I'd never cry ... " (4 wds.)

74 91 113 215 232 7 150 38 186 195 30 241 56 200 133 83

M. Marilla's brother

253 216 233 4 122 53 202

N. Cedric ... , Little Lord Fauntleroy

140 246 103 227 57



O. She freed a caged dove in a Rumer Godden story taken from a story in the journal of Dorothy Wordsworth

50 153 242 62 182 166 222 196 32

P. Grocery reminder from the bells of St. Clement's? (3 wds.)

58 10 131 194 28 159 226 97 108 244 2 48 171 211 6 144

Q. He fell into the sea when the sun melted the wax in his wings

13 129 193 207 82 236

R. Talking mouse of Narnia, a dauntless hero

192 177 111 219 8 148 234 24 46 87

S. A wooden one figures in Stevenson's "At the Seaside"

174 230 119 78 210

T. Tarka was one

168 187 41 238 212

U. Stravinsky ballet based on a Russian fairy tale; The ...

104 220 198 164 70 115 12 25

V. Female relative of Pigling Bland (2 wds.)

175 117 223 190 161 6 90 154 21 169 134 126 98

W. A young badger gets too much of her favourite food (Title; 5 wds.)

85 199 132 250 14 225 67 33 109 92 1 47 22 55 163 125 142 75 189 156

173

X. Hero of *Indian in the Cupboard*

124 254 18 63

Y. "You are a great cat, " Zag said. " ..." said Miranda modestly (hyph.) (Eleanor Estes, author)

37 45 94 81 229

Z. Illustrator of almost 400 books, with M. Flack story about a duck on the Yangtze River perhaps best-known (2 wds.)

105 167 155 16 203 123 138 86



AA. Pod or Spiller

141 100 165 77 27 184 17 43

BB. Educator and prolific author of several mid-19th century series, including the Rollo series; Jacob ...

61 96 205 35 224 114

CC. Cooney's story based on her mother's life, Hattie and ...

157 149 19 44 69 3 84 101 112 52 137 120
