



Acrostic

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DOUBLE ACROSTIC X MINUS ONE

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

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 October 2nd, 1997.

It has come to the White Knight's attention that some novice solvers became a little frustrated. He himself is never frustrated but always just keeps at things in a hopeful spirit. He says that you do have to take some risks when working back and forth, while always considering the context -- if one seems to be shaping up at all. "Be bold, be bold, but not too bold." (He remembers reading that somewhere and thinks it's good advice here.) He takes risks all the time, in fact every time he mounts or dismounts. He has a hint for novice solvers. If a clue says, for instance, "Boston or Pevensie," the answer is "Lucy," but if it says "Boston and Pevensie" it would be "Lucys."

The W.K. thought the last quotation was rather too much on the earnest side, especially since he has enjoyed series books a lot in his time, and he hopes the puzzle maker will lighten up a bit.

1 G	2 J	3 Z	4 X		5 Q	6 P	7 D	***	8 I	9 X	10 O		11 V	12 Q	13 H	14 G	
15 M	16 R	17 A		18 Z	19 K	20 Y	21 V		22 AA	23 B	24 L	25 Z		26 Q	27 P	28 K	
29 N	30 S	31 U		32 D	33 A	34 V	35 Q	36 F		37 N	38 H		39 O	40 Z	41 V	42 J	43 G
***	44 Q	45 W	46 J		47 K	48 U	49 V	50 B	51 H		52 I	53 A	54 Z	55 E	56 N	57 O	58 D
	59 J	60 X		61 N	62 AA	63 S	64 R		65 I	66 C	67 Q	68 V	69 P		70 AA	71 W	72 F
73 E		74 H	75 V		76 AA	77 K	78 N		79 T	80 Q	81 A	82 I	83 D	84 J	85 AA		86 O
87 Z	88 S		89 N	90 U	91 A		92 Q	93 Y	94 H	95 U	96 I		97 E	98 L	99 H	100 V	
101 B	102 W	103 Q		104 AA	105 V	106 R	107 G		108 T	109 D	110 R	111 U		112 Q	113 G	114 N	115 X
116 V		117 J	118 Z	119 V	120 D		121 X	122 S		123 A	124 M	125 W		126 AA	127 U	128 V	129 G
	130 H	131 AA	132 V		133 I	134 V	135 F	136 A	137 O	138 N	139 C	140 H		141 Z	142 G	143 F	
144 K	145 U	146 I		147 Z	148 N	149 J	150 S		151 X	152 E	153 Q	154 R		155 Z	156 V	157 D	
158 N	159 Q	160 I	161 A	162 X		163 A	164 O		165 Z	166 E	167 R	168 Q		169 B		170 H	171 G
172 T	173 Z		174 K	175 U	176 N	177 J	178 A	179 X		180 G	181 V	182 Q		183 Z	184 H	185 M	186 O
187 Z		188 L	189 AA	190 Q	191 P		192 H	193 U	194 AA	195 V		196 Z	197 N	198 G	199 O	200 AA	201 I
202 V		203 J	204 N	205 E	206 Z	207 X	208 Q		209 S	210 V	211 O	212 K		213 W	214 H	215 G	
216 A	217 AA	218 N	219 Q	220 H		221 J	222 Y		223 L	224 R	225 X	226 O	227 D		228 Q	229 A	
230 N		231 X	232 H	233 V		234 P	235 X	236 U	237 I	238 B	239 H	240 M					



A. Not the most famous Cleary heroine (2 wds)

91 53 161 17 229 123 178 163 81 136 33 216

B. Lindgren's character from Troublemaker Street

50 23 238 101 169

C. A Kingdom northwest of Oz, where Tiktok the Machine-Man was built

139 66

D. He wrote "The Flying Trunk"

83 120 58 7 227 32 157 109

E. Potter's rodent riddler

152 166 97 73 205 55

F. ... one woof; a James Herriot picture book

72 135 143 36

G. Alexandra Day's Carl and siblings

198 171 14 107 1 215 113 142 129 43 180

H. Diana Wynne Jones novel featuring a Norse mythological character in modern guise (4 wds)

239 74 170 214 192 140 13 220 130 184 38 51 94 99 232

I. Farley Drexel Hatcher

8 237 52 146 82 133 160 96 201 65

J. Norse folktale heroine who rode a goat and carried a wooden spoon; Robin Muller retold her story

203 42 59 117 46 84 2 149 221 177

K. Forbes and Averill

212 28 144 77 19 174 47

L. Her pets were Chilawee and Chikanee

223 98 188 24

M. Mrs. Katz's cat

15 185 240 124

N. Pachyderm protects creatures too small to be seen (Dr. Seuss; 4 wds)

197 218 61 29 37 56 138 78 176 114 89 230 158 204 148



O. She has been called the Swedish Beatrix Potter (2 wds)

57 186 39 226 86 164 137 211 199 10

P. It has three corners (2 wds)

234 69 6 27 191

Q. ... beggars would ride (4 wds)

228 112 26 80 190 12 103 44 92 67 219 153 168 159 35 5 182 208

R. A royal baker or a canine one

64 224 167 16 110 154 106

S. Caer ...; a citadel in the north of Prydain, a fortress in time of war and the centre of Bardic culture (Lloyd Alexander)

150 63 88 30 122 209

T. Here we go looby ...

79 172 108

U. She succeeded her husband as editor of Horn Book

193 48 90 31 95 145 175 127 236 111

V. Parisian counterpart of Morgan the Magnificent; a Caldecott winner (5 wds)

128 210 68 105 11 116 100 34 75 21 181 119 156 134 41 202 233 49 195 132

W. ... Grand Old Duke of York (2 wds)

71 102 213 45 125

X. A hobbit of great renown (2 wds)

231 179 60 162 151 121 9 225 207 235 4 115

Y. When he couldn't reach the grapes, he declared they were sour

222 93 20

Z. Terrier confronts waterfowl; a 1930 picture book still a favourite (4 wds)

54 206 147 87 165 141 18 187 196 118 3 173 40 183 25 155

AA. Large brass instrument personified in a story on record by Paul Tripp (3 wds)

126 200 104 22 85 217 131 62 76 189 70 194



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