

The Upper Hand

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Across

1. Fashioned
5. Arctic sightings
10. No Mr. Nice Guy?
14. Pompous prude
15. Heap of fiction
16. Warm, so to speak
17. Be one-up, e.g.
19. Anagram of "neat"
20. It holds water
21. Creative types
23. Secret rendezvous
26. Arp's art
27. The Beatles' road
30. Detachable container
32. Makes water tight (var.)
35. Turned right
36. Ness nemesis
38. Opposite of fast?
39. Blood typing system
40. Get a break, say
41. Cookie selling org.
42. Parisian possessive
43. Fixes
44. Decorative marquetry
45. In a fitting way
47. Costa del ____
48. Calyx part
49. Goes quickly
51. Choppers, so to speak
53. Resolve
56. Electron tube
59. Pasta choice
60. Make headway, i.e.
64. Famous cookie maker
65. Breathing problem
66. Conceited
67. Rodeo prop

68. Autumn toiler
 69. Icelandic epic
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1. Dash abbr.
 2. Kuwaiti, e.g.
 3. Operatic soloist
 4. Spewed out
 5. Energizer mascot
 6. Afore, afore
 7. Free from, with "of"
 8. Lady of pop music
 9. Dig discovery (var.)
 10. Big name in flatware
 11. Has an advantage, e.g.
 12. Bluster
 13. Memorable times
 18. Breezy

22. Be silent, in music
24. They may be wide open?
25. Bun worn on the head, e.g.
27. Tropical lizard
28. Jazz genre
29. Prevailing
31. Yankee follower, e.g.
33. Buckwheat porridge
34. Drag one's feet
36. Diploma word
37. N's in Athens
40. Cake part
44. Benefit, in a way
46. Be a go-between
48. Recipe directive
50. Dearie?

52. Mystery writer's award
53. One-time Winter Palace resident (var.)
54. Airport pickup
55. ____ John's; pizza maker
57. Couple
58. Author Bagnold
61. Publicity, slangily
62. Born, in bios
63. Modern evidence

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