

1Across Grids
Smashing Plates

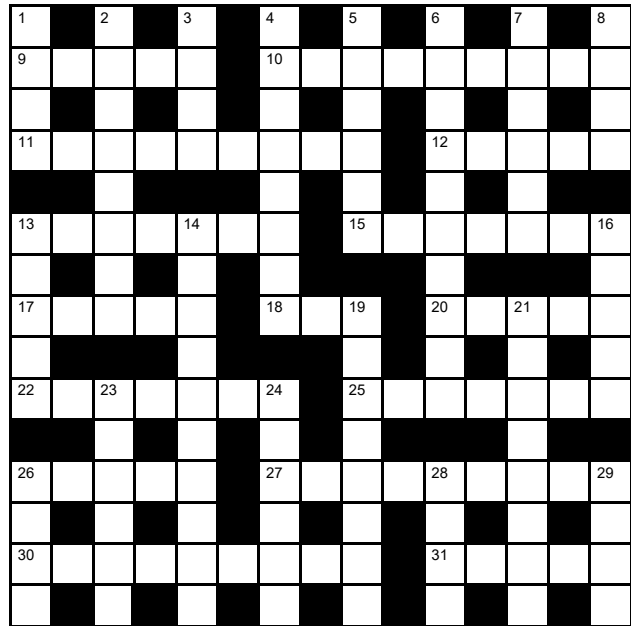
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Across

- 9 Finally abridged a book (5)
- 10 Crush / romantic partner loses head — heartless psycho wife about to return! (9)
- 11 Ask to compete in a season in which the leader has slipped to the last spot (9)
- 12 Easy to return from Kaycee via Nebraska (5)
- 13 Cover gold table (7)
- 15 "Yesterday, I was this confused guy" — Nero (7)
- 17 Instruction for derelict members? (5)
- 18 Have the intelligentsia lost, at last? (3)
- 20 Find details oddly lacking in dream (5)
- 22 Cook consuming excellent, sizzling hot luscious starters — with sauce! (7)
- 25 Working girl (Uma) ends hollow red alert (2,5)
- 26 Commercial that is unrestrained but so long! (5)
- 27 Technique to get around impotence (9)
- 30 Couple of beds in the U.S. bearing the first lady and second (9)
- 31 Bury the first five of eleven (5)

Down

- 1 One under obligation to go slowly (4)
- 2 Fifty boring bulky shades of lacklustre action naively described in a novel lacking depth (8)
- 3 One who might trip round emotional sentences usually starts over (4)
- 4 Crumpled, soiled clothes! You in Spain? Your "you time"! (8)
- 5 Room in Spooner's tiny place? (6)
- 6 First to embrace rising eccentric for a special strings arrangement? (4,6)
- 7 Right Wing: an extension with shady functionality (6)
- 8 Beg Russia to hold back press (4)



- 13 "Say, if there is a largest prime, then the product of all primes plus one leads us to a contradiction" — teacher, in short, receiving a zero! (5)
- 14 At 4 or 5, one of these may really shake things up (10)
- 16 Upset eviction of top two nationalists in Ireland shuffle (5)
- 19 While mopping up or sweeping... (8)
- 21 ... leave even half a tea cup nearly brewed (8)
- 23 Obelix irresponsibly smuggled potion (6)
- 24 Indeed, pizza for a millennial working in San Francisco, perhaps? (6)
- 26 Cats fragments? (4)
- 28 Excellent dramatic short piece (4)
- 29 Get an education, lose a bit of laziness, make money (4)