



Across

- 1 The decisive moment in a novel or play (6)
- 4 A distinguishing difference (11)
- 6 An account that sets forth the meaning or intent of a writing or discourse (10)
- 7 Cause annoyance in; disturb (3)
- 9 Regard as untrustworthy (10)
- 15 Breaking down or changing to a lesser state (13)
- 17 Having been robbed

- and destroyed by force and violence (7)
- 18 carefully, quietly, in a secretive way (10)
- 20 Physically weak (5)
- 22 Having little or no vegetation; desolate and lifeless (6)
- 23 Determined (8)
- 24 Hang loosely or freely; let swing (5)
- 25 Lack of an adequate quantity or number (10)

Down

- 2 looking inward, examining oneself (13)
- 3 **Aggressive boldness** (8)
- 4 Be false to; be dishonest with (7)
- 5 Close interaction (7)
- 8 The remains of something that has been destroyed or broken up (6)
- 10 Associated with or requiring the use of the mind (12)

- 11 the outcome of a story (10)
- 12 intelligently and deceptively (9)
- 13 Treating another with contempt (8)
- 14 Fit to be seen (11)
- 16 The mechanical process of wearing or grinding something down (as by particles washing over it) (7)
- 19 innocence, ignorance (7)
- 21 Prove to be false or incorrect (6)