

# THE ATLANTIC PUZZLER

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## BOOKSHELVES

A certain section in the library consists of two shelves, each containing thirteen books. The librarian uses the "cryptic" cataloguing system: each book has stamped on its spine five letters that can be mixed to form a word. The words thus formed are given cryptic clues, which are filed so that their answers are in alphabetical order.

The books are arranged so that, reading left to right, the top letters (rows 1 and 6) identify each book; the bottom letters (rows 5 and 10) identify the section as a whole; and rows 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, and 9 yield various words whose clues are also on file in the card catalogue. Can you reconstruct the two bookshelves? Answers include three proper nouns.

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*The solution to last month's Puzzler appears on page 133.*

### TOP SHELF

- Books set right in shelves (7)  
Rock band halfway through season (6)
- Get away from South Carolina football player (5)  
Cartoon boxer gives a terrible groan during knockout (8)
- Make observations about wood or ocean's edge (8)  
A cent lost in play (5)

### BOTTOM SHELF

- My catching curve is sloppy (5)  
Broken-down princess told jokes aloud (8)
- Grounds found in tea set, strangely (6)

- Show featuring cartoons' foremost rabbit interrupted by commercial (7)
- Void filled by a yearbook (6)  
Spray a tender back with oil, not iodine (7)

### FIVE-LETTER WORDS

- Nimble soldier gets into drink  
Revise goal after morning  
Tree in sandy place by the sound  
Benjamin takes church seat  
Hear gardener, at times, in wood  
Hide coyote traps: hunter's ruse  
French artist has to vent fumes?  
Loud Rolling Stones music and dress  
Girl Scout keeps Bob's partner for ages  
A huge, sprawling Netherlands city

- Vehemently exposes macho guys  
Greek adventurer gets hence in January  
Goes on wooden feet?  
Crooked deal involving film didn't work  
Neighborhood diet  
Organ contains one sound  
Acts like a hot dog in part of a suit  
Leave a coat  
Go on north with black bird  
Team has left playground equipment  
Pigeon fouled a bus carrying queen  
Weary after last of laps, made a vow  
Diplomacy keeps one silent  
Linger, like a sailor?  
Source of revenue is cabs  
Carry male ancestral emblem

**Note:** The instructions above are for this month's puzzle only. It is assumed that you know how to decipher clues. For a complete introduction to clue-solving, write to The Atlantic Reprint Department, 8 Arlington Street, Boston, Mass. 02116, enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope.