



**The Seven Cryptic Dwarfs** | a cryptic puzzle by Emily Cox & Henry Rathvon

This little puzzle was constructed by the Seven Cryptic Dwarfs: Shifty, Shorty, Stretchy, Squeezy, Audie, Rev, and Spoonful. Shifty anagrams his answers before entering them in the grid; Shorty removes the last letter of each of his answers; Stretchy adds an ending letter to each of his; Squeezy stuffs a letter inside each of his; Audie enters homophones of his; Rev enters his in reverse; and Spoonful enters spoonerisms of his (swapping initial consonant sounds, as in CLOCKWORK and WOK CLERK). Each dwarf did his work on five entries, the results of which are real words, names, and phrases (although spoonerism results may be nonsensical, like WOK CLERK). The dwarfs live happily with the Cryptic Crossword Princess, whose name appears centrally.

**Across**

- 1 A sailor viewed backward map collection (5)
- 6 Burn ocean liner's stern (4)
- 9 John and Paul's earliest band (4)
- 10 Mosaic piece bearing Ford model name (5)
- 12 Briefly visit Peg, seizing opportunity (3,2)

- 13 Measure someone passing out? (5)
- 14 Part of a shoe to be repaired by oaf (3,3)
- 16 Some laughing policemen's first dance (3)
- 17 Aboard truck full of noise (6)
- 20 Space alien applied to school in England (4)
- 21 Regular English commercial written in pen (6)
- 22 Drunk lifts darts (5)
- 27 Boss of convertible dealer (6)
- 28 Top Red left baseball team heading west (5)
- 29 Fly high with small propeller (4)
- 30 Encircled terminal building next to NYC subway line (4)
- 31 A little room in Robert E. Washington gym (6)

**Down**

- 1 Recess from school embraced by mime (4)
- 2 For shame, guy stripped dress (4)
- 3 "Selena" star in middle of plot dispensed candy (5)

- 4 Christmas delay backed up ship (7)
- 5 Retain new eye makeup, in part (6)
- 6 Part of our country, say (5)
- 7 Talk show name in excellence (5)
- 8 Bum ferried by error...just what a bum wants (4,4)
- 11 Mad editor created quite a row (6)
- 14 Car part from Left Bank mostly ruined (3,4)
- 15 Giant sun engulfing the thing (5)
- 16 Google finding that lady this way (6)
- 18 Toy brick around front of tin can (3,2)
- 19 Part of the United Kingdom with pub offerings (5)
- 23 Angler's gear for river fish (4)
- 24 Storm covering northern mountain chain (5)
- 25 Wine-producing California town partially exploding (4)
- 26 Two pieces of bread and a set of cups? (3)

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