



**Anagrammania** | a cryptic puzzle by Emily Cox & Henry Rathvon

Half of the clues in this puzzle (17 in all) are written with the answer's normal definition anagrammed; in each case, the affected definition and its anagram are single words. The answers to these clues go straight into the grid. But answers to the 17 normally written clues must each be anagrammed into a new word for entry into the grid. When completed, the grid will feature a three-word phrase in the central row that explains what a puzzle fan does.

**Across**

- 1 Rare story heard (4)
- 5 Iran demonstrators (7)
- 10 Conveys band half-mile back (7)
- 11 Starts to explain plain, easy English words (4)
- 12 Biblical area least vivid in East (9)
- 13 Pair of Redcoats in the riot (5)
- 14 A road in row farther behind (7)
- 17 Holy land in South Dakota (6)
- 20 SEE INSTRUCTIONS
- 22 Some schemer gets raise (6)
- 24 President without any ID owned (7)
- 25 Crude laser spree (5)
- 27 Tablet altered our acting (9)
- 28 Produces half the world's deer? (4)
- 29 Dresses by flags (7)
- 30 Funder that helps PBS try out ditties (7)
- 31 Designer in computer technology (4)

**Down**

- 1 Room inside large, empty framework (7)
- 2 As on a grill, blacken trout (4)
- 3 Named urchin "stray" (7)
- 4 More sarcastic Dodger teammate of Reese and Robinson (6)
- 5 Lure Utah into part of the Union (7)
- 6 Way cheer is pronounced (5)
- 7 Fight stops ruffians (7)
- 8 About-face concerning the work of poets (7)
- 9 Verdi song's opening and closing (4)
- 15 Scuzzball outside Rome was a bouncer? (7)
- 16 Members of the clergy changed stripes (7)
- 17 Wrap cotton loosely around rabbit's head (7)
- 18 Alterer renovated warren (7)
- 19 Fleeing snake in Washington assembly (7)
- 21 Cast admitting St. Louis con game (6)
- 23 Green fluid rots (5)
- 24 Write about old refs (4)
- 26 Bottom fish (4)

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