

 Find every hidden word, then fill the blanks in the quote.

5 words · 9×9 grid · across, down, diagonal — and some run backwards

T	V	H	L	M	D	T	S	T
C	S	I	L	V	E	R	B	O
P	C	E	A	A	I	E	Y	N
A	R	I	T	H	T	H	F	G
X	O	J	A	F	X	J	E	U
T	L	E	O	A	O	H	E	E
P	I	M	E	B	O	S	N	S
A	T	T	E	N	D	I	N	G
N	O	G	L	O	V	E	R	S

THE QUOTE

It is my soul that calls upon my name: How _____-sweet sound _____ ' _____ by night, Like
 _____ music to _____ ears!

— William Shakespeare

WORDS TO FIND

SILVER

SOFTTEST

LOVERS

ATTENDING

TONGUES

O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

— *Psalms 34:8 (KJV)*

🎯 Fill every white square — across and down.

5 across · 5 down · art, quotes & literary history

1	2	3	4	
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	9			

ACROSS

- 1 Detective's investigation
- 5 Raised platform at the front of a chapel
- 7 Blank ____ (fresh start); a fine-grained rock
- 8 Symbolic gesture, or a subway coin of old
- 9 Traveled or departed

DOWN

- 1 The actors in a play
- 2 Permit
- 3 Wager, or what's at ____
- 4 Consumed
- 6 Monthly payment to a landlord

 Unscramble the 5 missing words and put the quote back together.

5 words · every letter you need is in the boxes above its line

START HERE — BLANK 1

O E D C N S

THE QUOTE

On the ¹ **O E D C N S** day, a ² **I L A S** ³ **R D W E** ⁴ **N R A E** nearer, and

⁵ **E C K I P D** me up at last. It was the devious-cruising Rachel, that in her retracing search

after her missing children, only found another orphan.

— *Herman Melville*

Spring Greeting

From the German of Herder.

All faintly through my soul to-day,
As from a bell that far away
Is tinkled by some frolic fay,
Floateth a lovely chiming.
Thou magic bell, to many a fell
And many a winter-saddened dell
Thy tongue a tale of Spring doth tell,
Too passionate-sweet for rhyming.

Chime out, thou little song of Spring,
Float in the blue skies ravishing.
Thy song-of-life a joy doth bring
That's sweet, albeit fleeting.
Float on the Spring-winds e'en to my home:
And when thou to a rose shalt come
That hath begun to show her bloom,
Say, I send her greeting!

— *Sidney Lanier*

The Pitch, edge of town

MONDAY · 10 CLUES · 6 GUESTS

The Pitch, edge of town. 6 Seekers at the table, and Auntie wants to know who settled which tab and who ordered which cup. Nobody is lying today.

 **Solve every grid: every Seeker, every answer**

	Tab settled						Cup ordered					
	Chandler's tab	Saddler's tab	Farrier's tab	Grocer's tab	Ostler's tab	Potter's tab	Goat-milk	Tarry	Honeyed	Frothy	Chicory	Spiced
 Nell												
 Gwen												
 Ida												
 Rowan												
 Wystan												
 Zeph												
Cup ordered												
Goat-milk												
Tarry												
Honeyed												
Frothy												
Chicory												
Spiced												

Mark each cell: ✕ ruled out · ● confirmed.

The clues

AUNTIE PEARL'S LEDGER: THESE FACTS ARE ALWAYS TRUE

- Ida and Gwen ordered the Chicory cup and the Spiced cup, in some order.
- The Seeker who settled the potter's tab ordered the Tarry cup.
- The Seeker who ordered the Goat-milk cup settled the grocer's tab.
- Ida, Nell, and Wystan settled the chandler's tab, the saddler's tab, and the ostler's tab, in some order.
- Rowan didn't order the Honeyed cup.
- The Seeker who settled the chandler's tab ordered the Chicory cup.
- Zeph didn't settle the saddler's tab.
- Wystan, Zeph, and Gwen ordered the Spiced cup, the Honeyed cup, and the Tarry cup, in some order.
- Zeph didn't settle the farrier's tab.

10. The Seeker who ordered the Honeyed cup settled the ostler's tab.

Missing: Sunflower Crown

MONDAY · 21 CLUES · 7 GUESTS

During Auntie Pearl’s dinner for 7, Emily’s sunflower crown disappeared from the flower box. The thief is still at the table, and only the thief will lie. Tonight there are three ledgers to square (who carries which blade, who charted which sign, and who returned which loot), and the clues cross between them. Solve every grid and find the liar.

Find the liar. Solve every grid.

	Blade carried							Star-sign charted							Loot returned						
	Whisper	Howl	Spark	Tide	Cinder	Gale	Vow	Plough	Swan	Hound	Forge	Lyre	Crown	Veil	Lantern	Spoons	Netting	Horseshoe	Corkscrew	Whetstone	Thimble
Anne																					
Baldric																					
Dan																					
Elise																					
Ivan																					
Kattia																					
Michael																					
Loot returned																					
Lantern																					
Spoons																					
Netting																					
Horseshoe																					
Corkscrew																					
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Thimble																					
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Veil																					

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The clues

- ✧ Blades with an R in the name (Whisper, Spark, Cinder): Whisper · Spark · Cinder
- ✧ Voice-named blades: sounds and speech (Whisper, Howl, Vow): Whisper · Howl · Vow

📄 AUNTIE PEARL’S LEDGER: THESE FACTS ARE ALWAYS TRUE

1. Baldric, Anne, and Michael returned the Netting, the Horseshoe, and the Thimble, in some order.
2. Baldric, Elise, and Anne returned the Thimble, the Netting, and the Whetstone, in some order.
3. The Seeker who returned the Thimble carries the Gale.
4. The Seeker who carries the Whisper returned the Spoons.
5. Baldric, Michael, Kattia, and Ivan carry the Vow, the Spark, the Howl, and the Whisper, in some order.
6. The Seeker who carries the Cinder returned the Lantern.
7. The Seeker who charted the Lyre carries the Vow.
8. Kattia's blade has no R in its name.
9. Whoever is behind this returned the Spoons, the Whetstone, the Lantern, or the Corkscrew.
10. Dan didn't chart the Veil.
11. Whoever is behind this charted the Hound, the Crown, or the Swan.
12. The Seeker who returned the Spoons charted the Crown.
13. Dan carries a blade with an R in its name.

WHAT THE SEEKERS SAID

14.  *Elise says, not looking up from the whetstone: "The Seeker who returned the Horseshoe charted the Swan."*
15.  *Ivan says: "I carry the Spark."*
16.  *Michael says: "I charted the Swan."*
17.  *Kattia says: "Ivan didn't chart the Forge."*
18.  *Dan says: "Anne's blade isn't named for a voice."*
19.  *Baldric says: "Elise didn't return the Lantern."*
20.  *Anne says: "The Seeker who charted the Plough carries the Spark."*
21.  *Anne adds: "The Seeker who charted the Forge returned the Whetstone."*

Spoilers below — keep this page face down until you're done.

Wise Word Finder

T	V	H	L	M	D	T	S	T
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A	R	I	T	H	T	H	F	G
X	O	J	A	F	X	J	E	U
T	L	E	O	A	O	H	E	E
P	I	M	E	B	O	S	N	S
A	T	T	E	N	D	I	N	G
N	O	G	L	O	V	E	R	S

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Like softest music to attending ears!

— William Shakespeare

Mini Crossword

1	C	2	A	3	S	4	E	
5	A	L	T	A	6	R		
7	S	L	A	T	E			
8	T	O	K	E	N			
	9	W	E	N	T			

- 1A CASE 1D CAST
5A ALTAR 2D ALLOW
7A SLATE 3D STAKE
8A TOKEN 4D EATEN
9A WENT 6D RENT

Anagram Ladder

On the second day, a sail drew near, nearer, and picked me up at last. It was the devious-cruising Rachel, that in her retracing search after her missing children, only found another orphan.

— Herman Melville

- 1 SECOND 4 NEAR
2 SAIL 5 PICKED
3 DREW

Daily Logic Puzzle

Midnight Trade Circle

A gentle day — nobody lied.

Guest	Mote gathered	Lore-tome borrowed
Anne	the Wave mote	the Primer
Baldric	the Flame mote	the Scroll
Elise	the Clay mote	the Quarto
Ivan	the Rime mote	the Codex
Kattia	the Shadow mote	the Grimoire
Michael	the Gust mote	the Folio

Dani's Diabolically Difficult Deduction

Missing: Sunflower Crown

The liar: Ivan ★

Guest	Blade carried	Star-sign charted	Loot returned
Anne	the Gale	the Veil	the Thimble
Baldric	the Spark	the Plough	the Netting
Dan	the Cinder	the Hound	the Lantern
Elise	the Tide	the Forge	the Whetstone
Ivan ★	the Whisper	the Crown	the Spoons
Kattia	the Vow	the Lyre	the Corkscrew
Michael	the Howl	the Swan	the Horseshoe