

Not for the faint of heart

1B	2O		3Y	4B	5A	6E	7T	8I	9K	10T	11W		12M	13Q		14F	15B	16W		17B	18Z	19R
I	F		T	H	E	R	E	F	O	R	E		W	E		S	E	E		A	N	Y
	20B	21F		22A	23J	24O		25E	26D	27I	28M	29C	30P	31N	32O	33R		34W	35Z		36J	37E
	O	F		T	H	E		F	O	L	L	O	W	E	R	S		O	F		C	H
38C	39U	40S	41B		42I	43B		44B	45A	46I		47V	48G	49E	50B	51X		52P	53I		54E	55G
R	I	S	T		I	N		T	H	E		M	I	D	S	T		O	F		T	H
56R		57B	58M	59N	60C		61L	62B	63D	64Q	65O	66H	67A		68B	69C	70J	71I	72K	73Q	74H	75W
E		M	O	S	T		V	I	O	L	E	N	T		U	N	R	E	A	S	O	N
76B	77D	78V	79N		80Z	81Q	82R		83K	84X	85C	86W	87E	88U		89H	90C	91P	92B	93G	94A	95Z
A	B	L	E		A	N	D		W	I	C	K	E	D		O	P	P	O	S	I	T
96F	97D	98S		99Q	100B		101A	102P	103Q	104R		105C	106K	107T		108B	109F	110L		111A	112H	113Z
I	O	N		O	F		G	O	D	S		A	N	D		H	I	S		O	W	N
	114H	115Y	116N	117U	118J	119R	120B		121G	122B	123F	124S	126I	127Q	128A	129X	130N	131C	132J		133Y	134B
	E	N	E	M	I	E	S		M	A	I	N	T	A	I	N	I	N	G		U	N
135P	136W	137E		138Q	139O	140H		141C	142T	143E	144G		145W	146V	147I	148Y	149B	150G	151J	152Z	153C	154H
D	E	R		A	L	L		T	H	I	S		T	E	M	P	T	A	T	I	O	N
	155B	156R	157V		158V	159E	160G	161Y	162Q	163H	164B	165C		166Y	167B	168Q	169K	170X	171A	172U	173N	174J
	T	H	E		H	U	M	I	L	I	T	Y		Q	U	I	E	T	N	E	S	S
	175V	176I	177C		178X	179C	180S	181I	182B	183X	184F	185Y	186V	187K		188S	189F		190R		191N	192T
	A	N	D		G	E	N	T	L	E	N	E	S	S		O	F		A		L	A
193Y	194B		195C	196Q	197W		198F	199G	200E		201O	202L	203T	204B	205F	206J	207Q	208V	209R	210G	211A	212U
M	B		A	N	D		T	H	E		H	A	R	M	L	E	S	S	N	E	S	S
	213M	214B	215T		216A	217K	218X	219S		220J	221E	222D		223V	224N	225L	226S	227E	228C	229I	230P	231O
	A	N	D		L	O	V	E		A	N	D		S	W	E	E	T	N	E	S	S
	232J	233W		234C		235M	236Z	237T	238B		239R	240W		241B	242A	243K		244H	245B	246J	247C	
	O	F		A		D	O	V	E		W	E		M	A	Y		W	E	L	L	
248E	249O	250U	251B	252Y		253Z	254B	255C	256T		257B	258A	259M	260Q		261B	262G		263F		264D	265Z
J	U	D	G	E		T	H	A	T		H	E	R	E		I	S		A		G	O
266F	267L		268A	269J	270U	271R	272Z	273B	274Q		275A	276O		277D	278E	279S	280U	281H		282Z	283W	284M
O	D		S	O	L	D	I	E	R		O	F		J	E	S	U	S		C	H	R
285Z	286A	287B		288K	289E	290P	291F	292B	293I	294T	295Q		296X	297O	298W	299R	300P	301N	302B			
I	S	T		J	O	N	A	T	H	A	N		E	D	W	A	R	D	S			

Read all directions carefully! Good luck!

Directions: Transfer letters from answers A-Z, below, into the corresponding numbered boxes in the grid to reveal a quotation reading left to right (punctuation omitted) with the name of the author. Reading down, the first letters of answers A-Z will reveal a final clue to **discover the first and middle name of the new Gjertsen baby**—which are each related in some way to the quotation—followed by the number of letters in his middle name.

- A** Doctor needed before a c-section
 A N E S T H E S I O L O
 242 171 5 268 22 45 258 286 94 275 216 111
 G I S T
 101 128 211 67
- B** Comedy with **T** cameo
 N I G H T A T T H E M U
 134 62 251 4 164 17 292 41 257 245 204 68
 S E U M B A T T L E O
 120 238 167 241 194 122 287 44 182 15 20
 F T H E S M I T H S O
 100 149 254 273 50 57 1 155 108 302 92
 N I A N
 43 261 76 214
- C** Shakespearean tragedy
 A N T O N Y A N D C L E
 195 69 141 29 228 165 234 131 177 85 247 179
 O P A T R A
 153 90 255 60 38 105
- D** Phrase with pat on the back
 G O O D J O B
 264 26 97 222 277 63 77
- E** Film scored by John Williams
 R E T U R N O F T H E J
 6 278 54 159 137 221 289 25 227 37 200 248
 E D I
 87 49 143
- F** Partnerships
 A F F I L I A T I O N S
 291 189 21 123 205 109 263 198 96 266 184 14
- G** Hodgepodes
 M I S H M A S H E S
 160 48 262 55 121 150 144 199 210 93
- H** Actor in **B** movie
 O W E N W I L S O N
 74 244 114 66 112 163 140 281 89 154
- I** Film where Bruce Willis saves the world as a taxi driver, *The ...*
 F I F T H E L E M E N T
 53 42 8 181 293 71 27 229 147 46 176 126

- J** Indiana Jones, e.g.
(accepted but alternate spelling)
- K** Decline with a rhyme
- L** Rescued
- M** Military ruler
- N** Song from *The Sound of Music*
- O** Mixed up again
- P** Old rabbit in *Watership Down*
- Q** Swede who played a vampire in 2008 film
- R** First day of Lent
- S** Moonshine
- T** He dies in **E**
- U** Drink with Bailey's and Kahlúa
- V** Brazen
- W** When some people get paid
- X** Short narrative
- Y** Bats and birdies, e.g.
- Z** Intelligence

A R C H E O L O G I S T
 220 70 36 23 206 269 246 232 132 118 174 151

N O W A Y J O S E
 106 9 83 72 243 288 217 187 169

S A V E D
 110 202 61 225 267

W A R L O R D
 12 213 259 28 58 284 235

E D E L W E I S S
 31 301 116 191 224 79 130 173 59

R E S H U F F L E D
 32 65 231 201 249 276 2 139 24 297

S N O W D R O P
 230 290 52 30 135 300 102 91

L I N A L E A N D E R S
 64 168 81 138 162 13 127 196 103 260 274 73
 S O N
 207 99 295

A S H W E D N E S D A Y
 299 33 156 239 56 82 209 119 104 271 190 19

N O N S E N S E
 180 188 98 279 226 124 40 219

D A R T H V A D E R
 107 192 10 256 142 237 294 215 7 203

M U D S L I D E
 117 280 88 212 270 39 250 172

S H A M E L E S S
 208 158 175 47 157 78 146 186 223

E N D O F T H E W E E K
 240 75 197 34 233 145 283 16 298 11 136 86

V I G N E T T E
 218 84 178 129 296 51 170 183

E Q U I P M E N T
 252 166 133 161 148 193 185 115 3

N O T I F I C A T I O N
 18 265 95 152 35 272 282 80 253 285 236 113

The “afterpuzzle”:

ANAGRAM OF (ANSWERS L AND M) SEVEN

ANAGRAM OF (SAVED WARLORD)

7 LETTERS IN MIDDLE NAME

VALOR EDWARDS!

Props to all solvers, both friends and strangers! Some of you solved it very quickly, but most of you persevered, and hopefully found the payoff worthwhile. The hall of fame includes:

All the Supergrands
Mike Graham
Laura Ricketts
Susan Bowerman
Danny Anan
Jonelle Cyr
“Cookie”
Owen Troy
Michelle Li
Carrie Baumgartner
Jen Yates
Susan Kuhn
Dana Martin
Sarah Hines
Rachael
Melissa
Molly Lappegaard
Nana P.
Josh Hallam
Sierra Allmand
Liz Chang

(Let me know if you solved it and I didn't list your name!)

Puzzlemaker commentary:

“Not for the faint of heart” was both an appropriate warning for the puzzle **and** a bonus clue for the first name.

The chain of answers from E to T to B to H was the most fun part of making the puzzle for me. Though at one point there was a much easier clue for “NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM BATTLE OF THE SMITHSONIAN” and then the clue for H was “actor in B movie” which would misdirected some to think “B-movie” instead of “B” as a reference. Even those who got the reference might have filled in “BEN STILLER” which has the same number of letters as “OWEN WILSON”. Ultimately I thought the chain of clues would be more fun. And I didn't want to give 38 letters away *too* easily.

Sorry about “SNOWDROP”! That was the toughest clue to write, and even people very familiar with *Watership Down* generally didn't know this one. Yeah, it's a flower in Europe, and it's what the British called U.S. military police stationed in Britain during WWII. That wouldn't have made it much easier...

I think my favorite single clue was Q. I intentionally wanted most of you to assume I was referring to *Twilight*, when actually I was referring to a much more critically acclaimed vampire film from last year. Lina Leandersson, as a child actress in her first movie role, totally took the genre of the vampire movie to the next level. I think *Let the Right One In* may have been my favorite movie from last year; you can stream it on Netflix if you're curious. I should warn you, it's somewhat dark—more psychologically unnerving than scary.

“Decline with a rhyme” is another clue I liked a lot. For me, a good double crostic has several clues that you scratch your head and don't think you know, but after working backwards you can sometimes have an “aha!” moment without having to go look anything up on the internet.

Several of you struggled with clue Y. The misdirection was once again intentional. I don't think it was a bad clue. Maybe a *badminton* clue. :)

I did try to make the puzzle challenging on purpose. It was actually a bit easier when we gave it to the “Supergrands,” but one of them who solved in in a couple hours (without using the internet!) told me it was a little easier than crostics that used to appear in *The Orlando Sentinel*. So I rearranged some words and rewrote some clues in order to kick it up a notch. Judging by the number of people who did, in fact, solve it, I was happy with the harder puzzle.

Several of you have asked how long it took to make this, or how I even go about doing it. It's actually not too hard. This took the better part of a day (but then a few more hours of another day when I resolved to get “DARTHVADER” in there so I had to re-anagram about a third of the puzzle).

We will write a future post soon on why we are naming our son Valor Edwards.