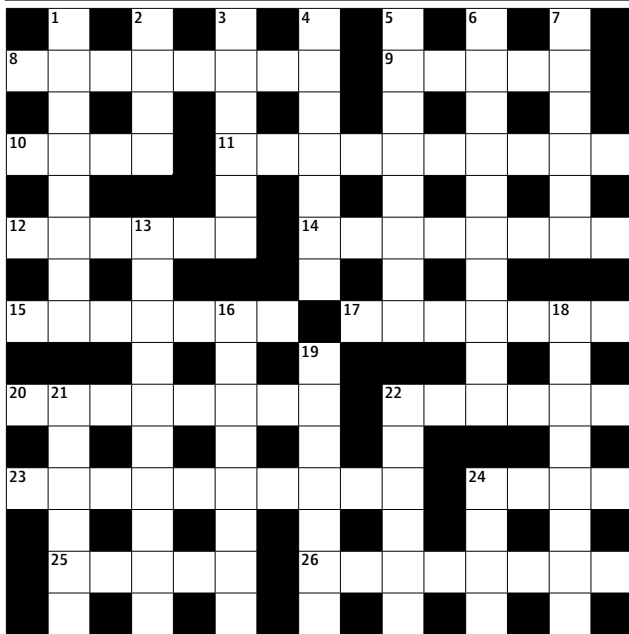


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 24,986 set by Brendan

Across

- 8,9** Female author put in state by sound of wild animal (8,5)
10 Forster, initially, getting this writer's award in US (4)
11 Bug improperly put here, concealed in hat (10)
12 Small and fat, or short and thick (6)
14 See 21
15,19 Book private accommodation (1,4,2,4,3)
17 Upholders of glass ceiling are on board (7)
20 Lighten a bit with mild change in broadcast (4,4)
22 Economist drawing conclusion from crucial point (6)
23 A bit less wobbly, having installed one? Right (10)
24 Equine sound of horse crossing river (4)
25 Fairytale creatures feared among progressives (5)
26 Short book finally is placed in regular publications (8)

Down

- 1** The writer's interrupting to stop bore (8)
2 Morally repugnant and far from fair (4)
3 Difficult piece of work? Not typically (6)
4,24 See an unfinished composition and call artist (7,4)
5 Kind of race suitable for some Citroens? (3-5)
6 Without hardship, accepting agreement I tightly put together (10)
7 Affected FT, with second part changed (6)
13 Flowers put in ground in museum area (10)
16 Old roses oddly lacking in scent in New York (8)
18 Experimental work showing alternative source of energy (3,5)
19 See 15
21,14 Somehow try and act honestly as biographer (6,8)
22 Part of ship cut by navy in centre (6)
24 See 4

Solution No. 24,985

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