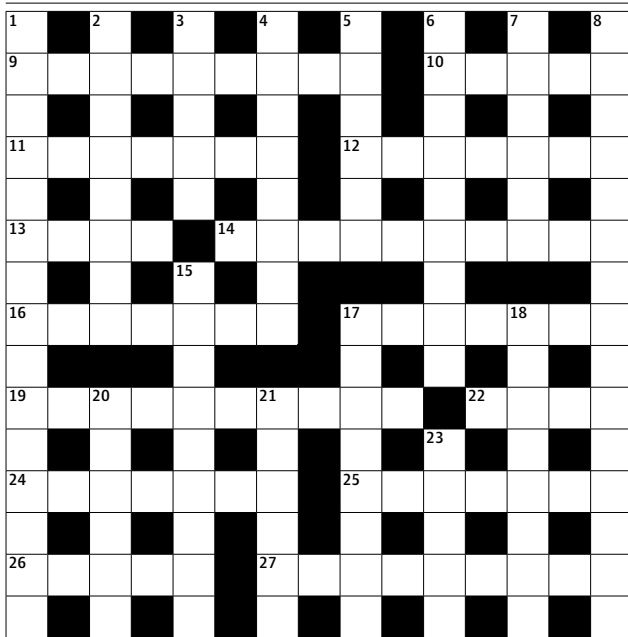


# Guardian cryptic crossword



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## Across

- 9** Religious books disturbing papacy or capturing hearts? (9)  
**10** Like second scene of rebel fighting (5)  
**11** Expand home – farm’s leader departed (7)  
**12** Take back farm, ultimately, after public land for play: left to help, briefly (7)  
**13** Lack of expression of joy for animal rescuer? (4)  
**14** Like a fanatical admirer’s writing, ie Snowball after revolution (10)  
**16** With great energy – same as cow with BSE? (4,3)  
**17** Meeting against diplomacy (7)  
**19** Horse not appearing, note, in just the main course? (3-7)  
**22** Beastly snapper caught fabulous bird (4)  
**24** Pig accommodating uproar by end of Animal Farm (7)  
**25** Strain after redistribution by a Russian leader (7)  
**26** More than one fell close to Boxer during lows (5)  
**27** Squealer moving good one that might catch opponent out (6 3)

## Down

- 1** Land strains animal? Then not as free (8,7)  
**2** Print of Animal Farm novel (fix binding) (8)

- 3** Labelling, at the bottom, horse for beef (5)  
**4** Falls over without leading male figure (8)  
**5** Pig with no balls in watering hole argument (6)  
**6** Mercury crosses a temperature (cold/hot) line in early 22? (9)  
**7** Find beasts on this Animal Farm so oddly moving (6)  
**8** Rates successor of Marx, say, losing way – extremists in Trotsky attack (9,6)  
**15** Most dirty, kinky sex sandwiches topless model (9)  
**17** Horse box admirer (8)  
**18** “Land to land” – all competitors supporting song (8)  
**20** Hold Napoleon’s foe (6)  
**21** Regret covering George Orwell story, initially with many lines (6)  
**23** Baby Pinkeye’s second to enter farm building (5)

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