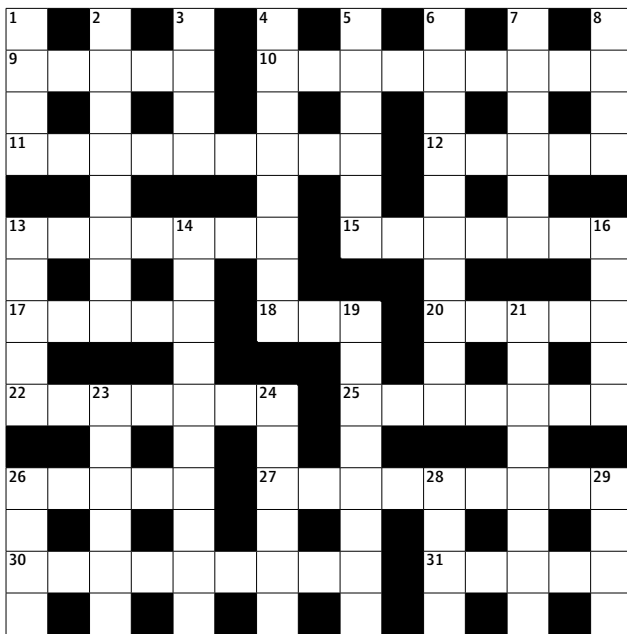


## Guardian cryptic crossword



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### Across

- 9** Cause of infection left one green, at first (1,4)  
**10** Time to pull back, worse off in part of 29s epic (3,6)  
**11** Can goddess dishearten Kylie's 29er? (9)  
**12** This regularly cuts Iron Duke's rank (5)  
**13** Type of 29 or of 1s (7)  
**15** Outside of safe building with part for musician (7)  
**17** For cockney existentialist, other people will follow this literary 1 (5)  
**18** Traffic in hurry (3)  
**20** Organs require tuning, not all over (5)  
**22** Films about women's bar (7)  
**25** Like novel that's in fashion, or its creator? (7)  
**26** Kindle that could be portable (5)  
**27** Not in a Parisian university in wood (9)  
**30** Part of 29 – it keeps man venerable (9)  
**31** Literary 1 to keep performing (5)

### Down

- 1** You might 29 this attractive woman, we're told (4)  
**2** Criminal raid with tool shaped like a 29 (8)  
**3** Singer keen to give a twirl (4)  
**4** At sea, rig stern brace (8)  
**5** South Africans embracing wrong men in the 29 (6)

- 6** It's acceptable to block racists, true or false? (10)  
**7** Maybe male's put on weight – he may 29 a 1 (6)  
**8** Compilers the boss exploited (4)  
**13** Turner's cry of excitement, reaching heart of gallery (5)  
**14** Doctor isn't nice, with GP doing an examination (10)  
**16,29** One stops running twice to call for food (5,4)  
**19** Writers' materials in no way record publicity (8)  
**21** Make weaker tea to lie in one's cups (8)  
**23** Speculate about name for author of 29 (6)  
**24** Statue in odd places and not raised for 26 down seeking 29 (6)  
**26** Which of land's borders is for ruler? (4)  
**28** Request to drop large 29 (4)  
**29** See 16

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