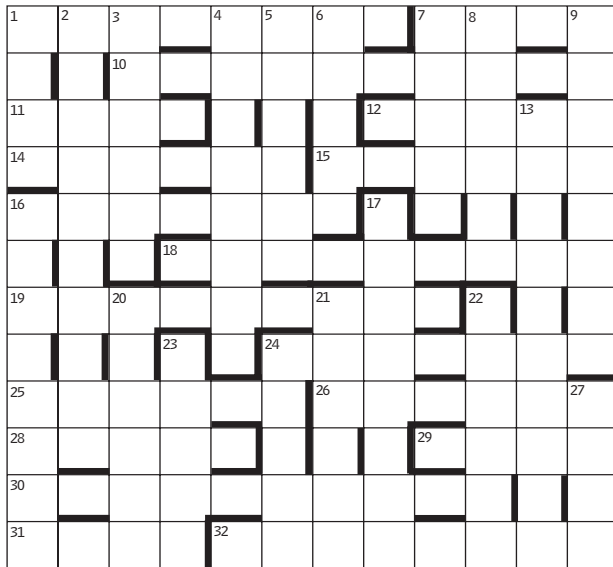


# AZED No. 2,253 Plain



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## ACROSS

- 1 Graduate, spotty, one influencing group adversely (8, 2 words)
- 7 Lout in Oslo bar knocking back strong drink (4)
- 10 Provincial governor in trouble restraining impetuoussness a little (10)
- 11 With over 1,024 words, it's hardly worth reading (4)
- 12 Relocated Malay Muslims, gloomy away from their base (5)
- 14 Glühwein left in bedroom container (6)
- 15 They were worthless in having been despatched by spears (6)
- 16 Fuss north of the border, that is after bed is denied to Scottish (7)
- 18 Vagrant priest or ragged vicar-poet, one yielding to English (9)
- 19 Like old-fashioned squire making money in a swindle with crooked earl (9)
- 24 Junior fed with mythological tales on Troy in Borders town (7)
- 25 Wearing untidy suit, not having spread (worryingly) (6, 2 words)
- 26 What'll reverse this rocky upheaval? Rush to help (6)
- 28 Assembly in honour of Maggie in recess (5)
- 29 Private Eye admits 50% ad lib (4)

## AZED 2,250 Solution & notes

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C	O	R	P	S	A	S	S	E	G	A	I
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P	A	R	A	M	O	E	C	R	R	V	S
O	V	E	R	M	A	N	K	A	I	A	K
G	E	S	M	I	L	E	S	T	O	N	E
E	T	C	E	T	E	R	A	I	L	E	D
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Missing letters: Azed's no. two(h)usand, two hundred and fifty

NE/SW diagonal: AZED'S NO. MMMCCL

**Across** 1, coat; amis + s; 5, hazy; anag. incl. E; 10, salade; in in that; 11, seed; Z in kudu; 13, spick; anag. in fres(h); 14, adorning; père in creed; 17, peons; r in cops; 18, this; e.g. in assai<sup>2</sup>; 20, down; rin (rev.) + lle; 21, point; para + mo; 24, task; min over an; 25, chow, kai + a k; 30, debut; anag. less M; 31, Rolls; car in al<sup>2</sup>; 32, Hungary; vanis + H; 33, line; a Cr in line; Oxford college; 34, lady; hidden rev.

**Down** 1, stinks; (pot)ato c(ake); 2, warm; anag.; 3, sourer; Jin in era; 4, thin; EP far min; sheer; mug<sup>2</sup>; 5, housing; r in steam; 6, number; (f)ewer; 7, ward; sick in seeks (rev.); 8, truck; l + deal(); 9, seizing; anag. in as; 12, danger; anag.; 15, about; a in anag.; + tic; 16, bent; al wane in anag.; 19, body; a + go (rev.) in peal; 22, flag; E + r in neve; 23, luthier; anag. in vin; 26, failing; scan(ties); 28, teach; L + ear; 29, lady; D in she (rev.).

## PRIZERULES

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- 30 Hot on dancing girl in folk party (10)
  - 31 Opuntia? It might be this, mashed with poi (4)
  - 32 Struggling rep getting stretched put on American show (8)
- ## DOWN
- 1 Worthless piano making a booming sound (4)
  - 2 Mature eyes of old taking in king born out of wedlock? (10)
  - 3 Thief in a college dividing thing of little value (6)
  - 4 Gage path to be fashioned where slane is used? (8)
  - 5 Deposit in mine to behave as specified (6, 2 words)
  - 6 Judge interrupting liberal primate lost rag (5)
  - 7 Former tennis star broke cooker (5)
  - 8 Ordeal getting lost somewhere in Texas (6)
  - 9 Second to none in domineering? Stasi man possibly comes in first (8)
  - 13 No royalists enjoy life with king entering as No. 1 swaggeringly (10)
  - 16 It involves men-of-war, each strong, coming into view (8)
  - 17 Inclined to admit as true pass should go inside (8)
  - 20 Wild sheep, mother linked with offspring (6)
  - 21 Tidy unit, freshly decorated (6)
  - 22 It's maybe in the north, between Shap and Penrith (6)
  - 23 Archaic poem on one round old vase (5)
  - 24 Climb using clips, end of spring excepted – army regulation (5)
  - 27 Year up, Canadian province changes to special winter coat (4)

*The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.*