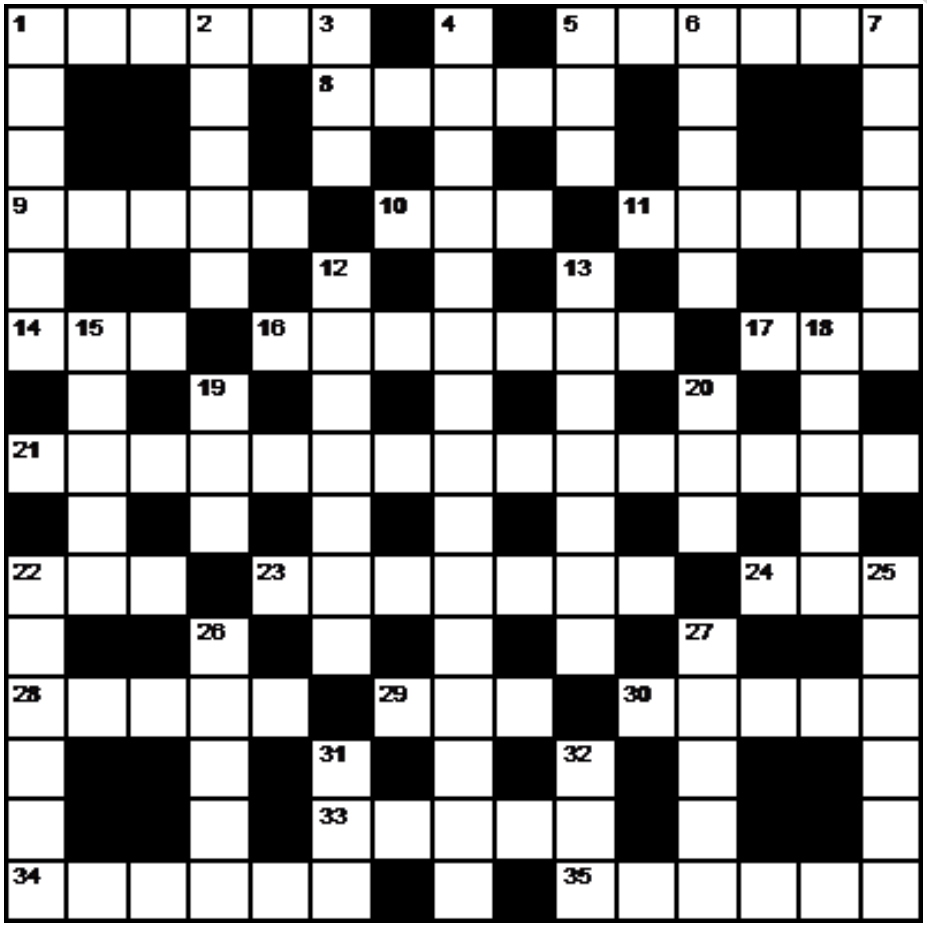
Winter 2015–16

Compass Cryptic Crossword



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Across

1 Smooth stage at operatic opening (6)
5 Fruit initially housed in French school (6)
8 Compass point of Humber not east, oddly (5)
9 Author of *The Railway Children* returns but has no time for playwright (5)
10 Half of gramophone needle causes eye infection (3)
11 Sounds like that's plenty to put out (5)
14 Chelsea, say, come back to the central point (3)
16 Isaac's father's a support for Noah's son (7)
17 Low rotten barn, say (3)
21 Plan lean outcome by stewing fruit (10,5)
22 This shows rank of seed (3)
23 Medium, possibly, is a fool about court (7)
24 Pain caused by total loss of plaster of Paris (3)
28 Return to destroy almost all of Andean city (2,3)
29 Sounds like you deserve this final resting place (3)
30 Air conditioning stuck in the throat of parrot (5)
33 Socialist immersed in first pair of communists' beliefs (5)
34 "The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" he said, for a small settlement (6)
35 City was sensitive to roundabout (6)

Down

1 Misprint in daily newspaper's first seen in ancient Asia Minor (6)
2 Old Mexican's sixth letter to the Greeks smudged with carbon (5)
3 Little brother returns ball (3)
4 Crazy azure tux has sprinkling of glitter here in Chiapas (6,9)
5 Bowl straight, keeping nothing back. It might result in this. (1, 1, 1)
6 Helicopter lacks satisfactory fabric (5)
7 Dreading having no feminine reprimand (6)
12 This Georgian city, is it up to embracing the return of a little liberty? (7)
13 Reduced to nothing being recorded about divinity (7)
15 Puma mistakes innards' distinct flavour (5)
18 Allen is covered in trees (5)
19 From beginning to end time continues and so on, briefly (3)
20 Shout about losing end of mysterious line (3)
22 Rub a man from No. 35, say (6)
25 Express surprise after starting to dab one's nose for a gathering (6)
26 In Chennai it's said to be time to back South American capital (5)
27 Muslim ascetic made a non-Muslim muddled (5)
31 Tom may be erratic in a collection of scenes (3)
32 Intimidate woman, rudely (3)

Notes