

In Con Sequence

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This Conline after the Con in Montréal features a French guest author who could explain what leads to what. In this puzzle:

(1) Six answers must have the same bigram added before entry. (Four resulting entries will be capitalized, abbreviated, and/or two words; also, each such clue contains a noncryptic clue for the entry.) The bigram goes in *diagonally*, so its *second* letter and all later letters in the entry overlap another entry, and in the original grid space all squares after its *first* letter are unchecked.

(2) For each such unchecked square, if it is the *n*th square of the crossing entry, note the *n*th letter in that crossing entry's clue; in clue order, these will give the author *and* some text he wrote; the text will also tersely describe how to add the bigram. Then in the grid read the square that (going in the same diagonal direction) is after each bigram to see a translation of the text, and take the square after each of *those* squares to see another translation.

(3) The clue for every crossing entry from (2) that is *not* one of the twelve entries mentioned in (1) has an extra word, which must be deleted before solving; in clue order, these will name (in English) the book in which (2)'s text appears.

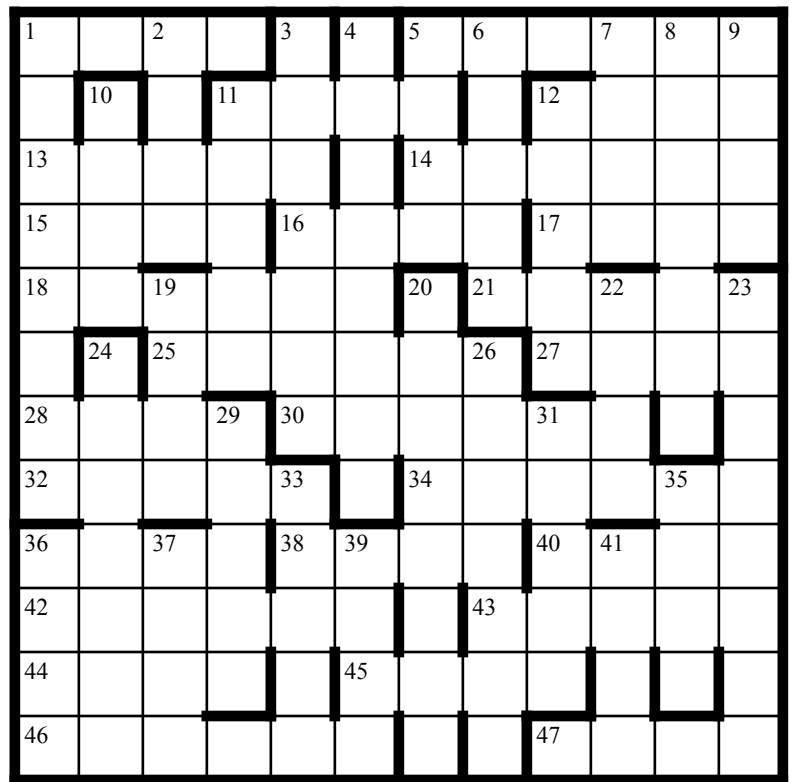
(4) In (3)'s book, (2)'s text precedes a four-letter word that could indicate a letter and a location. In twelve yet unused clues, that letter appears extraneously in that location in one word of the clue, or in the letter string the wordplay gives; if the extra letter is the *n*th-to-last in the word/string, note the *n*th-to-last letter in the clue. In clue order, these letters will form wordplay giving the four-letter word plus, again, that letter in that location.

(5) For each of the remaining twelve clues, you'll reverse a four-letter (i) word before solving, or (ii) answer before entry; one (ii) entry is two words, and each (ii) entry is clued by a word in its clue. If the reversed/cluing word is the clue's *n*th word, note the clue's *n*th letter; in clue order, these letters will form an &lit clue for a four-letter word that reverses to a translation of (4)'s word.

(6) Finally, (4)'s word precedes another phrase. For each of (1)'s six altered entries, for some *p*, *q*, and *r*, the bigram's first letter is in the original grid space's *p*th-to-last square, and the bigram's second letter and altered entry's last letter are in the overlapped entry's *q*th-to-last and *r*th-to-last squares, respectively. In clue order, the *p*th-to-last letters of the altered entries' clues will give the phrase, and the *q*th-to-last and *r*th-to-last letters of the overlapped entries' clues will give *two* meanings of that phrase: what it means in (3)'s book, and what the phrase itself could aptly say.

ACROSS

1. Tut claiming upper tooth emerging from a boar's smug
5. Smithsonian, e.g., isn't joky (*abbr.*)
11. A discourse reflectively depicted Scottish-style root- or ball- or wedge-shaped part of a hammer
12. Most wonderful bishop is in Norba Caesarina
13. Write back "That's on funny glassware for a king"
14. Call a pair of downers immature and jejune
15. Was spewing CO₂ on the radio and the navy, perhaps
16. Computerized method assistant is flipping over near RI
17. Sat stirring starter in oven for chicken-eating general? (*var.*)
18. Signaling of items in red and yellow gas Flo mixed (*2 wds.*)
21. Five sequential symbols of mood, phantasy, and spirit
25. In re the aforementioned hot, rightly tan stranger (*2 wds.*)
27. Master Of Darts near Iowa is Hermes's mother
28. The Québécois conducting church with a rake
30. Excluding grand zines jerk turns into resin
32. Snake attending even one's games with swine-shelterers
34. Somewhat suggest icon of movements the body may do



36. Back to deride someone who tells how Cato says "was"
38. Ensnare with portion of table talk
40. Traveling west, sate disheartened oboist? Nonsense
42. Closely inspect moss-covered English rabbi (*2 wds.*)
43. Are taking no one star of *True Lieds* to a friend
44. At first seeing love note with an aching feeling
45. A card with gold facing
46. Spin card beside singer Lang inscribed with "Molly did more than just keep a little"
47. Southern team rejecting a check

DOWN

1. Fish tail in aircraft near old dry wine will turn
2. Some Baptist à *Nice* is the comedic partner of Ollie
3. Hope zigzagging letter is Hebraic in the first place
4. London borough's upright constructor and we left phony
5. Odd components of Ian's decor briefly inflate (*abbr.*)
6. Marsh who wrote *Ad Man Lay Dead in Goa*, *Getting Ickier*
7. Exist long before a cinema star named Lugosi who played Dr. Boehm in *The Best Reason Man Wins*
8. Tori ultimately help fix a quantum and property
9. Juxtaposed with worst of empty info on an elt. (*2 wds., abbr.*)
10. 650 dresses are on fine young beast
11. Praise Dad with each skewed line amid two that are parallel
12. What moor becomes when blue liquid replaces red flower
19. Rising superstar having (just above the foot) carbon spots
20. Hotel chain that gets its name from an Agra mausoleum with a big, shiny loop, tarnished tap, or jug (*2 wds.*)
22. Elevated actor seeking Neill that's supported by tee and pole
23. Had testosterone-filled Chester's tools sharpened for a feller
24. Glyph Hester wore three times, beneath hollow line (*2 wds.*)
26. Hellenic symbol on item uncovered truth for gallery (*2 wds.*)
29. Songs sung for people who are left in things
31. So the art confused a Houston football player
33. Area resort with gambling devices shunned by India
35. Sib of bro touches heart of deity? *Ciertamente* (*2 wds.*)
36. Ford one put beneath banker Morgan's digital photo (*abbr.*)
37. Elocution originally involved sciences in trim cat's utterance
39. Daughter is sitting on last couple of somewhat adult facts
41. Formerly topless spy in *Diamonds Are Forever-Unclad Aces*