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Jumbo Crossword **Book 13**

60 of the world's biggest general knowledge
crossword puzzles from times2

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Introduction

This new volume of general knowledge jumbo crosswords from the pages of *The Times* rescues another 60 puzzles from the archive of ephemeral things. They were originally published over the period February 2015 to February 2016, comprising almost exactly a full year's worth, given the extra Easter, Christmas and Bank Holiday puzzles interpolated among the standard weekly fare. In addition, there is one puzzle in this batch that weekly solvers of the paper edition will not have seen. Puzzle 51 was published solely online on Christmas Day itself and is appearing here on paper for the first time.

Regular solvers should recognise the usual mixture of straight definition clues with a smattering of general knowledge thrown into the mix. Anyone new to the series I hope will find the level of challenge just about right. I aim to entertain, not to baffle, in my choice of words and their clues. If you feel you need occasionally to consult a dictionary then a single volume one such as *Collins English Dictionary* should be quite sufficient.

My thanks go to the team at HarperCollins for their efficient work on presentation and also to Roger Phillips for once more proofreading my efforts. Any remaining errors are, of course, my sole responsibility. I hope you enjoy solving the puzzles.

John Grimshaw
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ACROSS

- 1 Taken away (7)
- 5 Be reasonable! (4,4)
- 9 Fastest pace of a horse (6)
- 13 The removal of official status from, eg, a church (16)
- 14 Move about restlessly (6)
- 16 Ready to submit to authority (8)
- 17 Pre-conquest Peruvian (4)
- 18 Promise with certainty (9)
- 20 Night-flying insect (4,4)
- 21 Drama with both funny and serious elements (11)
- 24 Silver-white metal (9)
- 25 Loom above (8)
- 26 Seize roughly (4)
- 29 Classically-influenced revival (11)
- 31 A person's nature (11)
- 33 Redundant, unnecessary (11)
- 36 Unlimited power (11)
- 38 Gaseous element (4)
- 39 Retailer carrying a particular item (8)
- 41 Dish of meat in sauce (9)
- 44 Willing to be of assistance (11)
- 45 Let free; undo (8)
- 48 One bringing legal case (9)
- 49 Selective slaughter (4)
- 50 Friendly attitude (8)
- 52 Strongly opposed (to) (6)
- 53 Top company post (8,8)
- 54 Straying; knight — (6)
- 55 Illicit plotting (8)
- 56 Completely (7)

DOWN

- 1 Very passionate; glowing (3-3)
- 2 Bring (troops) together (6)
- 3 Antechamber, hall (9)
- 4 Branch of medicine indentifying illnesses (11)
- 5 Strange religious group (4)
- 6 Hater of humankind (11)
- 7 Separate division (11)
- 8 Detailed written study (9)
- 10 Cartoon creator (8)
- 11 Cheerful and carefree nature (5-11)
- 12 Earthenware (7)
- 15 Luminous state (8)
- 19 Specially trained soldier (8)
- 22 Put in gaol (8)
- 23 One who stirs up trouble (5,11)
- 27 Bashed (8)
- 28 Serve at table (4)
- 30 Small box for medicines (4)
- 32 Many and various (8)
- 34 Womaniser (8)
- 35 Item of office furniture (6,5)
- 36 Such as a barn or stable associated with a house (11)
- 37 Studier of languages (11)
- 40 Clan leader (9)
- 42 Minor improvement (9)
- 43 English poet (8)
- 44 Iced fancy (7)
- 46 Part of a flower (6)
- 47 Semi-liquid mixture such as manure with water (6)
- 51 Lecherous look (4)

Appended is a sample crossword which can be utilized with the AI technology available on Microsoft Windows 11 in conjunction with Microsoft Office to assist those hard of sight or hearing or as a stimulus for hospital patients or those at fitness centres. **David Akenhead, August 2023**