

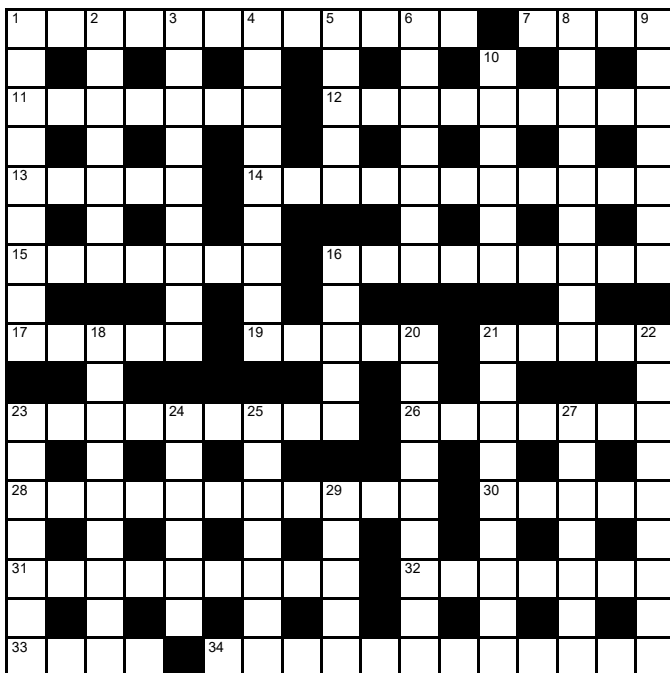
Polymath 1,225 Set by SLEUTH

ACROSS

- 1** Daniel Defoe's strong-willed character, played by Alex Kingston in a 1996 TV series (4,8)
- 7** A wading bird with a downcurved bill sacred to ancient Egyptians (4)
- 11** Describing humorous works using ridicule or scorn (7)
- 12** A yacht or other boat with twin hulls in parallel (9)
- 13** Joe __, English playwright noted for Loot (5)
- 14** Austrian psychiatrist who introduced the term feeling of inferiority (6,5)
- 15** Activity associated with Ekadashi days in Hinduism (7)
- 16** A large body of troops, especially an infantry unit forming part of a brigade (9)
- 17** Bloodsucking mites (5)
- 19** A major estate owner in Scotland (5)
- 21** The thigh bone (5)
- 23** Openings near volcanoes from which hot, sulphurous gases emerge (9)
- 26** Ellen Johnson __, former president of Liberia who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2011 (7)
- 28** Body of water in the North Atlantic Ocean strewn with free-floating seaweed (8,3)
- 30** A savoury jelly made with meat stock and set in a mould (5)
- 31** English city whose Roman name was Ratae Corieltavorum (9)
- 32** A large lute with an extended neck (7)
- 33** The ninth letter in the Greek alphabet (4)
- 34** Describing a building with two floors or tiers (6-6)

DOWN

- 1** A thick grape syrup used as a jam or sweetener (9)
- 2** Technical term for ironic understatement (7)
- 3** Scientific techniques relating to the detection of crime (9)
- 4** Novel by Robert Harris set in modern Russia (9)
- 5** Informal term for coffee lacking a stimulant (5)
- 6** A secluded place for recuperation (7)
- 8** Silvery-white metal discovered by Nicholas-Louis Vauquelin in 1797 (9)
- 9** Desert straddling the border of the southwest US and northwest Mexico (7)
- 10** Antelope often seen in large herds in southern and east Africa (6)
- 16** Arthur __, English composer appointed Master of the Queen's Music in 1953 (5)
- 18** A member of a criminal organisation in Naples and the surrounding area (9)
- 20** To take a machine or structure to pieces (9)
- 21** A literary term for the heavens or sky (9)
- 22** A room used for communal meals in a religious institution (9)
- 23** Pasta pieces in the form of short spirals (7)
- 24** Eddi __, Scottish lead vocalist of soft rock band Fairground Attraction (6)
- 25** African country whose football team is nicknamed Crocodiles (7)
- 27** The largest species of penguin commonly found in Antarctica (7)
- 29** Vegetation mostly of brushwood or stunted forest growth (5)



Solution 1,224



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