

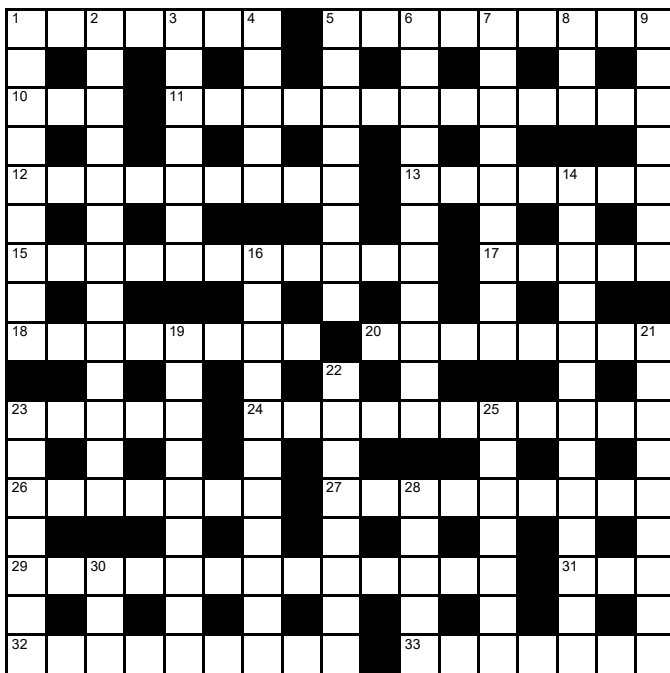
Polymath 1,242 Set by AARDVARK

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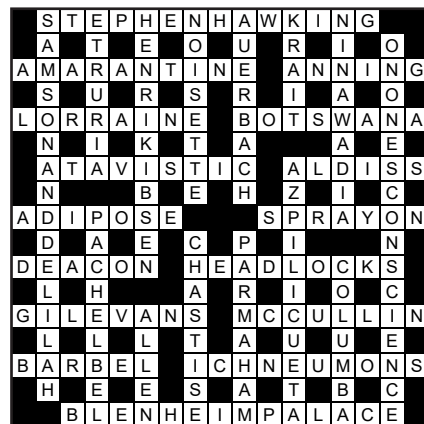
- 1** Volcanic archipelago in Melanesia, South Pacific, independent since 1980 (7)
- 5** Nicknamed 'The Man of Bronze', eponymous character of US pulp magazine first published in 1933 (3,6)
- 10** Primitive type of plough, used to scratch the top layer of soil (3)
- 11** Actress who played Lenore in the 1952 romantic swashbuckler film *Scaramouche* (7,6)
- 12** To omit the last sound or syllable of a word (9)
- 13** In Hinduism and Buddhism, a ceremonial offering to the spirit of an ancestor (7)
- 15** The sound of a trumpet or trumpet fanfare (11)
- 17** Autobiography of TV chef Nigel Slater, subtitled *The Story of a Boy's Hunger* (5)
- 18** Chant beginning with these words or a translation of them, forming part of the Roman Catholic Mass (5,3)
- 20** Seaside resort on the Llyn Peninsula, North Wales (8)
- 23** Of or relating to bees (5)
- 24** Australian possum with winglike flaps of skin enabling long jumps between trees (5,6)
- 26** Rock band formed in 1993, fronted by Scottish vocalist Shirley Manson (7)
- 27** Thoroughfare in Covent Garden, used in the original London version of the game of Monopoly (3,6)
- 29** Great Britain's only athletics medalist at the 1976 Olympics (7,6)
- 31** In abbreviated form, a brimless broad circular woollen cap (3)
- 32** Greyish waxy substance secreted by sperm whales, used in perfume manufacture (9)
- 33** Doug ____, runner-up in the 1970 Open Championship, following a playoff (7)

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- 1** Latin translation of The Milky Way (3,6)
- 2** Gap in the myelin sheath of a nerve fibre, named after the French physician (4,2,7)
- 3** Eurasian perennial herb also called bible leaf or mint geranium (7)
- 4** Body of Muslim scholars expert in Islamic sacred law and theology (5)
- 5** Castle on the Isle of Skye, seat of the chief of the Clan MacLeod (8)
- 6** English jazz musician and bandleader who released the single *Petite Fleur* in 1959 (5,6)
- 7** Soft, semi-transparent variety of gypsum used for carving statues, vases, etc (9)
- 8** Black-and-white, short-winged, heavy-bodied Arctic seabird (3)
- 9** First female aviator to fly solo nonstop across the Atlantic (7)
- 14** Weevil found in southeast Australia with metallic green and black patterns (7,6)
- 16** Fragrant white Rhine wine produced near Mainz, Germany (11)
- 19** Capital city the Cantabria region of Spain (9)
- 21** Shortest of the completed novels by Charles Dickens (4,5)
- 22** Unisex style of sheepskin footwear, with a woollen lining, originally worn by surfers in the 1960s (3,5)
- 23** Method of mathematical calculation in which letters are used to represent possible quantities (7)
- 25** Name of the treaty that restored the Vatican city as an independent papal state in 1929 (7)
- 28** Isaac ____, English minister who wrote the Christmas carol *Joy to the World* (5)
- 30** The flowing back or lowering of the tide (3)



Solution 1,241



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