ACROSS
1 A book for Coutts’ most valued customers? (3,9)
8 Transporting stolen goods takes time (7)
9 Fired for slipshod editing (7)
11 State of local, one given help after setback (7)
12 Cowards in MI6 more than once welcoming end of struggle (7)
13 Dictator’s creepy observation post (5)
14 In grip of dreadful inertia, English bishop getting drunk (9)
16 Came round late post-revel, heaving (9)
19 In Rome daddy’s PR inspiring a mischievous woman (5)
21 Pompous American touring a Spanish city (7)
23 Seated thus on horse I stared around (7)
24 Was first to occupy river delta (7)
25 Cheat on more than one occasion (3-4)
26 Partners investing money to encourage theatre performer (12)

DOWN
1 Half of them liable to crash (7)
2 Sea cow moving east in spring (7)
3 Key agent of the CIA (9)
4 Complains about Republican troubles (5)
5 Royal flatulence very ripe at first whiff (7)
6 Pupil at back nicking school head’s booze (7)
7 Simone de Beauvoir putting her feet up here? (6,6)
10 Dejected, I sent redhead running off (12)
15 One withdrawing more troops outside court (9)
17 Grill lover who was a valuable source (7)
18 Contestant getting 10 points for this entrée? (7)
19 Spooner’s sexy European, a distraction for drivers (7)
20 Perception lacking in classroom activity (7)
22 Experience many highs here with Es (5)

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