

JUMBO CROSSWORD No 17,744 by ROSA KLEBB

PRINTER'S DEVILRY 20 clues - 10 of them across, 10 down — are passages from which the printer has removed a hidden answer, closing the gap and sometimes taking liberties with spacing and punctuation, but not disturbing the order of the remaining letters. Example: 'E richly deserved his CBE. Answer: ASCERTAIN. Undevilled version: Eric has certainly deserved his CBE. These clues lack definitions. Other clues are normal.

ACROSS

- 1 Some magnanimously returning a country to its people (5)
4 US addressees furious as more letters in pieces (7)
8 California company recalled first-class cannabis in worst possible state (9)
13 Eccentric on isle consuming mineral and plant extract (9)
14 Fate of mad modern painter (13)
15 Preoccupied with mum, neglecting dad (7)
16 Novel tarp designed for his Scottish golf links (7)
17 We resoak beech and elms, suffering during drought (7)
18 Often condone vice of misguided attempt to bring down government? (4,2,2,10)
21 Find storm less terrifying and grim (4)
23 What bailiffs do about gang leaders in squalid squat (9)
25 Wow! Brings impossibly high heating bills! (6)
26 Photograph your current manuscripts (6)
28 Shop yard containing carpet, left on purpose (12)
30 American tart retiring to embrace silly fool, confused type (7,3)
33 Spaniard bothering lad in sauna (10)
34 Suddenly stop and vomit small amount of alcohol (5,2,5)
37 Attacks count's leftism on a regular basis (6)
39 During archery practice man's missed target (6)
40 Physical self-perception that tattooist might provide? (4,5)
42 Totally deranged audiologists visit (4)
43 Preglacial loam and marl twinkling like diamonds? (18)
46 Manage hot American group (7)
47 Finally impress my new love by means of lubricant (7)
48 Sweet partner regurgitated food over heavenly body (7)
50 Intimate gift and free ticket soon brought round Head of Innovation (4,9)
51 Say what you need to get the better of winner (3,4,2)
52 Vicissitudinous, articulate Slav socialist (9)
53 A skint teacher to be more flexible? (7)
54 Sward, heath, grass and mead encouraging relaxation (5)

DOWN

- 1 Cocaine and wine bolstering fellow under frozen blanket (4-7)

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- 2 Hasten to be believed (5)
3 Folly of Rio trip I sensibly abandoned (16)
4 Disliked red glass in church (7)
5 Cannon-firing tools available to buy in case of lawlessness (9)
6 Epstein lax on dodgy functions (12)
7 They speculate about British lute players (10)
8 American shot in Madagascar, ominously (5)
9 Come together in church, receiving amazing solace (8)
10 Viewer put one ass in TV room (6)
11 Opening rum atop ferry (9)
12 Madame Bovary perhaps reportedly opposed to hard drug (4-7)
19 Upset with myself for nothing, drank regularly (7)
22 Globe is twitching over failure to hit island with extremely large weapon (9,7)
24 Leaving Kew Gardens, is oddly shunned (6)
27 Discover wrinkled old carers eat (6)
29 Artist stressed about a reptile (7)
31 Unpoetical experts are initially in charge (7)
32 Adorn existing features at last in royally appointed churches (5,7)
33 Compelled to stay home in the past, crime writer found under house (11)
35 Singer of a bygone era significantly outliving man (6-5)
36 Stretching out, excitedly ogling porn (10)
38 Tech-savvy youngster expected help with IT (9)
40 Hope co-star follows request to dazzle (9)
41 For it is a bad mark in North America (3,2,3)
44 Austere, vinegary nurses start to scowl (7)
45 Picking up germs, the worse for wear in bierkeller (6)
47 Old Dani? She's sexily famous for pacifism (5)
49 Stoics approve of aching pain (5)

Solution 17,738

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