## AZED No. 2,097 'Terse Verse’



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Each couplet contains both a definition (one or more words) and a mixture of the letters (beginning at the beginning or ending at the end of a word in the clue) of the two words indicated by the clue numbers (in the correct order). Both indications of the first word precede both indications of the second. In each case either definition or letter-mixture may come first.

## ACROSS

1,7 'Pop music's palm? That Abba's surely won'
In chunk of text a rapturous paper's run? $(7,4)$
10,11 I see a sharp truncation of a word
E.g. snips off whence snaps appear, some blurred? $(10,4)$

12, 14 The spinner bowls - a major skill to praise
Informed the duel puckish Swann displays $(6,7)$
15, 18 Work in a salon garish reds inspire;
The critics flap - while in the salon, ire $(12,7)$
20,22 The recipe should airy be, yet plain;
Is coulis greasy? That would be profane $(7,12)$
24, 26 We search (loss feared of stones with blackish hue)
Where eggers are at home - unholy goo! $(7,6)$

## AZED 2,094 Solution \& notes

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Across 4 , lin almonds with sto 'head'; 10, avall linanag.; 14, ta + rob (qv) (rev.); 19, Xt inteme $+\mathrm{n} ; 20$, 0 inr, $1+$ ode $+\mathrm{X} ; 25$, sib + sly (rev.); 27, comp. anag; 29, LI + I roug(e) (rev.) + an; 31 , tinfor rindes res; 22, (D)ante.
Down1, anag.lessb; 2, Ave.inRd; 3, vain oriole; 5 , hates in anag. less op; 7 , (min)or cas(e);9,gringoladinDee; 13, exitinf lime (vt); 16, anag. of oddletters; 21,hootindi(qv); 24, comp. anag.,hotdog(vi); 26, e in salt; see Attic.

## PRIZERULES

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27, 28 A book on ethics needs a quiet spot -
ReadRussell set that no completion got? $(4,10)$
29,30 This set of piggies, squelching by and by,
Came here direct from yonder sadder sty $(4,7)$

## DOWN

1,2 A judge's seat most lucrative can be -
Hemade a lot and ended a grandee $(4,10)$
3,4 The bougainvillaeas dread this fearsome wind
That's oft, atremble, battered ugly Sindh $(6,12)$
5,6 Auras impress this man in martial kit;
In best gold riches he's obliquely lit $(7,12)$
7, 8 This book, dear reader, is a super read,
As dear as rubies, fit for banks indeed! $(7,4)$
9, 13 The lady sings a song, refers to pal:
'So cyclopic, so cool, unmusical' $(7,10)$
16, 17 The best prose should both challenge and amuse;
What's risky offers little help or use $(7,7)$
19, 21My docile cat lay on the freezing ground,
More somnolent than moody, I soon found (7,6)
23, 25 Selected athletes weep and more besides -
They kiss their fellow runners just like brides! $(4,4)$

The Chambers Dictionary (2011) is recommended. It does not give 11 as a bona fide word, as the Oxford Dictionary of English does.

