# 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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#### PRIZERULES

E25 in book tokens for the first three correct solutions opened. Solutions postmarked no later than Saturday to **AZED No. 2,097**, The Observer, 90 York Way, London N19GU. Across 4, lin almonds with sto 'head'; 10, avall lin anag; 14, ta + rob (qv) (rev.); 19, Xt in teme + n; 20, 0 inr, l + ode + X; 25, sib + sly (rev.); 27, comp. anag; 29, l.l + l roug(e) (rev.) + an; 31, tin for r in des res; 22, (D) ante.

 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Down 1}, anag. less b; 2, Ave. in Rd; 3, vain oriole; 5, hates in anag. less op; 7, (min) or cas(e); 9, gringo lad in Dee; 13, exit in f lime (vt); 16, anag. of odd letters; 21, hoot in di (qv); 24, comp. anag.; hot-dog (vi); 26, e in salt; see Attic. \end{array}$ 

- 27, 28 A book on ethics needs a quiet spot Read Russell 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 fear some 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**, **21**My 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.