

The Brilliant Crossword

Puzzle No. 4 | Friday, March 10, 2023

ACROSS

- 1 See 1-down, 2-down, 37-down, 19-across, & 41-across
- 6 Not down
- 7 What one might place on a horse
- 9 One of two words which sound like each other
- 11 Descriptor for some pianos
- 12 Any French woman, or the protagonist of Amanda Brown's *Legally Blonde*
- 15 The shortest complete English sentence
- 17 An important noun or verb in a whodunnit
- 19 Representative and activist Lewis who wrote graphic memoir [1-across]
- 20 Color for eggs and ham
- 22 Part of a book cover that may crease or crack
- 24 Toad's companion
- 26 What a student may do before a test
- 27 It may follow a postscript
- 29 German affirmative
- 30 ___ forward, fall back
- 31 Protagonist in a second person narrative
- 32 Name for the oldest Pevensie -- or Brilliant Books' proprietor
- 34 Titular bookish protagonist for Roald Dahl
- 38 Atticus, to Scout
- 40 Under, for a poet
- 41 Novelist Geraldine who wrote novels *Horse* and [1-down] -- or small streams that may be thawing this time of year
- 42 River of Greek mythology



DOWN

- 1 The eldest of four sisters in the [1-down] family
- 2 National ___ Month, celebrated during [1-down]
- 3 Fill the blank: James, while John ___ "___", ___ "___"; "___" ___ the better sound.
- 4 Brief King title

Down, cont'd.

- 5 Common bait for a [10-down]
- 6 Hesitant interjections
- 8 Lead-in to "my dear Watson" in a popular misquote
- 10 With 33-down, the longest running play of all time (written by the Queen of Crime)
- 13 Little Bo-___
- 14 "Just one ___ chapter!"
- 16 A sweet & funny first encounter in a romantic comedy
- 18 The 50th element on the periodic table or, repeated, Hergé's boy reporter
- 21 The start of many a conditional phrase
- 23 Small mischief-maker of myth and folklore
- 25 Surname for fairy-tale writing duo that is, fittingly, a [9-across] for the tone of many of their stories
- 28 What Jack and Jill brought up the hill, presumably
- 29 Home for Murakami, Murata, & Abe
- 30 For *Times* puzzlers, the week's grand finale
- 33 See 10-down
- 35 Much ___ about nothing
- 36 Necessity for fountain pen or feather
- 37 Youngest of the four sisters in the [1-down] family
- 39 White who created Charlotte and her web