

ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS

HEY, DOG -- RUN (NO SWEAT!) Doug Nufer

Every sentence in this text contains a negative of some sort (NO, NOT, COULDN'T, NEVER, NOBODY, UNSCRATCHED, UNEXPECTED, etc.).

KICKSHAWS Dave Morice

Sporting Kangaroos New York iSlanDERs contains Cincinnati REDS.

The Most Unpronounceable Word It's pronounced "kso-sa", but the dictionary goes on to note that "the x represents the click sound" of the Bantu language.

A PALINDROME ENCYCLOPEDIA

I Love Me, Vol I is a light-hearted romp through the fields of palindromy. This 408-page paperback by Michael Donner, published for \$15.95 by Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill (ISBN 1-56512-109-0), is an annotated collection of palindromic phrases and sentences appearing in books by Bergerson, Chism (*From A To Zotamorf*), Pool, Kuhn, Agee, Irvine and Terban, augmented by Internet contributions and Donner's own discoveries. Donner pays homage to those he considers masters of the art: Mercer, Lindon, Bergerson, Borgmann. He values most highly palindromes that are grammatically correct and and make at least a zany sort of sense, such as TRAFALGAR RAG: LA FART, SEX OFTEN: I NET FOXES, MAY A MOODY BABY DOOM A YAM and NO, MEL GIBSON IS A CASINO'S BIG LEMON. One of the most felicitous contributions of this book to the field of palindromy is its emphasis on the family relationships among palindromes, such as NO 'S' in UNISON, NO 'X' in NIXON, or NOT COHOCTON, NOT ETON. He makes a valiant attempt to give the history of various well-known palindromes, but discovers that attribution is often far from certain. The book is charmingly adorned with vintage illustrations in the margins. Buy it!