ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS

Anagram Sudoku (No. 1) M. J. P. Wolf

While solving the puzzle, you will probably start with the J, since it is among the most uncommon letters. From there, it’s a matter of trying different words, perhaps using an Internet tool like a2z WordFinder (www.a2zwordfinder.com), to find word lists of possible candidates. At this point, solving the puzzle follows much the same process that the construction of the puzzle did. Given multiple possibilities, it makes more sense to try words that feature more common letters, since this will leave more possibilities for later words. Limiting this freedom are the existing letters which will narrow down rows, columns, and 3x3 boxes simultaneously. One could even use a process of elimination similar to that of numerical Sudoku puzzles, but the size of the alphabet makes this a bit unwieldy unless it is already combined with other restrictions. In the end, the filled grid is as follows:

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J C I U N E I S T
U A D B T I C N O
D N E L P R D E U
K G T R A M E I N
S I L G E T N A R
Y L S I H N T U S
N O E T L A S M I
A S V O E E D R P
R T E N S G A E
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Rows, top to bottom: injustice, abduction, plundered, marketing, triangles, unstylish, semitonal, eavesdrop, greatness. Columns, left to right: junkyards, nostalgic, televised, troubling, elephants, germinate, distanced, aneurisms, eruptions. The 3x3 squares: jaundiced, blueprint, seductions, skylights, nightmare, saturnine, renovates, elongates, misparsed.

Poetic Quiz #3 A. Rulon-Miller

Cheaper by the Dozen

Anagram Quiz 12

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1. libel 10. departed 19. falsifying
2. expire 11. matinal 20. gall bladder
3. circular 12. quicksilver 21. air pollution
4. deliriums 13. malemutes 22. hoarse
5. narrowed 14. bloodshed 23. either
6. imprinted 15. drop a hint 24. extermination
7. inception 16. condensed 25. companionable
8. foreplay 17. antithesis 26. autopsy
9. eructation 18. Good grief!
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28. anonymousness
29. holdings
30. loneliness
31. lambasting
32. a gondolier
33. demilitarise
34. poetics
35. immaculate conception
36. confederations
Kickshaws

The Newest Math: (1) 66 EVENs, (2) 65 ODDs, (3) 12 EVENs, 11 ODDs
(4) 22 ODDs, 22 EVENs.

Poetic Quiz #4

Breakfast at Tiffanys

Ups and Downs

(A) ROAR (17) UPROAR
(B) BRAID (11) UPBRAID
(C) SPIN (8) DOWNSPIN
(D) PLAY (16) DOWNPLAY
(E) TRODDEN (3) DOWNTRODDEN
(F) KEEP (10) UPKEEP
(G) BEAT (2) DOWNBEAT
(H) PITY (20) UPPITY
(I) SCALE (7) UPSCALE
(J) RIGHT (9) DOWNRIGHT
(K) POUR (6) DOWNPOUR
(L) STANDING (18) UPSTANDING
(M) FALL (12) DOWNFALL
(N) SET (1) UPSET
(O) HOLSTER (5) UPHOLSTER
(P) SIZE (19) DOWNSIZE
(Q) ROOT (14) UPROOT
(R) SWING (13) DOWNSWING
(S) CAST (15) DOWNCAST
(T) RISING (4) UPRISING

BONUS #1: TURN / UPTURN / DOWNTURN

BONUS #2: GRADE / UPGRADE / DOWNGRADE
ACROSS
1  Office note
5  Bookies' concern
9  Norwegian Saint
10 Right to cut wood
11 Descartes
12 Australian bird

OVER
13

15 Sawbones
16 ECIRP
22 Science program
23 Scent
24 Hands
25 Estrange
26 Merit
27 Mark time

DOWN
1  Malay tribe
2  Alt.
3  Main homophone
4  OVER
5  OVER OVER OVER
6  Kind of used car
7  Limned
8  Shock
14 In grp.
16 --- in a while
17 Food types: Comb. form
18 Always
19 Comicstrip light bulb
20 Covering
21 Sea bird