WRITERS' LINK-O-GRAMS

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In the February 1980 issue of Word Ways, Boris Randolph presented an article entitled "Biographical Link-O-Grams", in which common words were found that linked the first and last names of famous persons. Since writers are associated with words, it seems appropriate to consider Link-O-Grams based solely on the names of famous authors. Can you fill in the missing letters below to spell the names of twenty-five authors? Remember, in each case the printed word links the writer's first and last names.

1. ------THEM------
2. -----DAB------
3. ----LESS------
4. -----PRO------
5. ----SPAS------
6. ---MASH------
7. ----HELL------
8. --RAP------
9. ------EEL------
10. ----SCAR------
11. -----THROB------
12. ----RUDEST------
13. ----NEON------
14. -----RAT------
15. ------RED------
16. ------LANDER------
17. ---LEND------
18. ---MESH------
19. ----HEM------
20. ---ALE------
21. ---ARM------
22. ---IMP------
23. ----ASP------
24. ---MAST------
25. ---MESA------

Answers can be found in Answers and Solutions at the end of this issue.

ANSWERS

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DOWN 1. gJ mas and also open elopement 2. Ali, the great on so one 3. is regretted offered a be oar. D.A. nor impedimenta clave (the the = time and side raging per se) 21. as talc on four merger no = the ret 1, on the aid served the drunk sett ler, scar omen (pa ro win teg, re