

"Men of Letters" a metapuzzle by Peter Washington

ACROSS

1. Audio by Van ____ (high end stereo maker)
8. "Let's Stay Together" singer
15. Show ____
18. Algonquian speaker
19. Leading lady?
20. Classic brand with a 113-across for a mascot
21. Fourth book in the "Goosebumps" series
23. Part of a chest pain workup
24. Nickname for the latest SCOTUS addition, maybe
25. Word after Days or Holiday
26. Off-killer
28. Crime caper movie that won Best Picture
32. Worldwide (abbr.)
34. Blog in physical form, essentially
37. "Kapow!"
38. Japanese casual wear retailer that opened its first U.S. location in 2005
41. Like some income or reputations
43. James Worthy or Magic Johnson, for example
48. Persistent, in a way
49. One who's cooped up
50. Tree in a town square
51. Loose translation of a Japanese phrase that, coincidentally, starts with the same two syllables
53. Pedaling
56. Barbara Eden's "I Dream of Jeannie" co-star
62. Sec'y
63. Italian wine region
66. To be, in old Rome
67. Therefore, in old Rome
68. Robert Johnson's discipline
71. Jim Ryun, for example
73. Inclined (to)
74. Majors in film
76. Self-importance
77. Minisclue
81. Position originated by Howard Shore in 1975 (and never held by Paul Shaffer, despite appearances)
87. British university
89. Gives the slip
90. A-Rod's other half
91. Optimistic
92. BMW competitor
94. Orderly?
98. Assembles
100. Athens sch.
102. Booze (abbr.)
103. Intro to a bit of news
105. 1933 sci-fi film starring Claude Rains
112. Island in a stream

113. See 20-across
114. Next
115. Speed stat
116. English football club with the longest streak of avoiding relegation from the top division
117. Two SS Minnow passengers

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1. Mornings
2. Mauna ____
3. Reserved
4. Some arachnids
5. Former Apple messaging service
6. Birthmarks, in the Latin spelling
7. Cairo-to-Jerusalem dir.
8. Port on the Arabian Peninsula
9. Word with word or shark
10. OB-____
11. Commie
12. Conclude by
13. Maroon
14. ____-breek (sound made by marsh insects, as heard by Sam Gamgee)
15. In the works
16. "Gross!"
17. Part of an evasive action
22. Contracting party, in legalese
27. Poet Pound
28. "Conan" network
29. Triumphant exclamation
30. Angsty
31. ____ Lock (computer key)
32. Sort
33. "A rabbit in Northern Ireland has gone viral after it was born with ____." (Lede of a June 15, 2020 article on foxnews.com about the ironic situation of Leo the bunny, so named because her owner says she "just looks like a wee mini lion.")
35. Put down in order to emotionally manipulate, in modern pick-up artist lingo
36. Candy maker Joseph who partnered with William Dreyer to make ice cream in 1928
39. Dim
40. Short sword also known as a "Cossack dagger"
42. Midget buffalo of Indonesia
44. Albino
45. Perfect score
46. Obsolete spelling (the first letter is different) of a word meaning "mesh" or "hire"
47. John ____-Davies

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The answer to the metapuzzle is a writer best known for children's books.

52. Middle East currency
53. Egyptian god also known as Set
54. Abbr. on a naval chart
55. Manhattan coll.
57. Go back over
58. Salami city
59. "____ Robinson"
60. ____ Khan
61. Sine qua ____
64. Takes to court
65. Preserved in a shelf-stable manner
69. Cusack's "Say Anything..." co-star
70. "Dark Angel" star Jessica
72. Mature
75. Alimentary cleanses
77. "What ____ thou art, act well thy part."
78. Prefix with skeleton
79. Mike of the Monkees
80. Eyelid irritation
82. Super Bowl that will be held in MMXXII (COVID-XIX permitting)
83. Measure used by CPAs to estimate accounts receivable (or should I have just said "TLA you'll need to get from the crossings?")
84. BHO follower
85. Peyton's bro
86. Mythical bird
88. Veteran journalist Dan
93. Exploitative ones
95. Planet in "The Phantom Menace"
96. Concede
97. "Aaaaaand ____"
99. Singer James
100. The iris is in it
101. Titular sporter of a pearl earring or a dragon tattoo
103. Cuzzes and such
104. Pound sound
106. Pique
107. Diarist Anais
108. "And everybody dies ... but the fish and ____." (Final line of the "Ten Classics in Ten Minutes" version of "Moby Dick")
109. He recently tweeted about his best friend Carl, "there was no better straight man in the world."
110. Gestural dialect (abbr.)
111. Central defensive linemen (abbr.)