

"Where Did You Go?" a metapuzzle by Peter Washington

ACROSS

1. Hoot
5. Fighter pilot
8. Book following the gospels
12. "Into the Woods" star Kendrick
13. Because, in Bretagne
14. Less polished
16. WMNG CT (cartoon)
18. Platform for a platter
20. Kit ____
21. Like some burritos that aren't served in foil
22. Straddling
23. Make a smooth transition, in a way
25. MV LBRDR (novella)
27. Nascent album
28. Slang term for a sibling, found in many reaction memes
29. Lambaste
30. Old school
32. Tennis player Vandeweghe
35. Golfer Ernie
36. RD CCKTL (folklore)
39. Favorite
42. Glowing element
43. Movie role for Will Smith or Shaquille O'Neal
46. Eddie's "Beverly Hills Cop" role
48. Occasion for an eCard
50. Dogmata
52. "DRM TM" NM (arcade game)
55. Embrace
56. Like many ancient vessels
57. Vocalize annoyingly
59. Overly
60. Ballots
61. NX (animated films based on the cartoon)
63. Gusto
64. Molecule ending in + or -
65. It's meant for thrusting
66. Uncanny
67. 1/20 of a ton (abbr.)
68. Anyone who makes crosswords and gives them away for free, probably

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The answer to the metapuzzle is something you might say after being abandoned (as you've been by the vowels in some of this puzzle's clues.)

DOWN

1. Performed the loser's task at the pool hall
2. Asthmatic's need
3. Former
4. Firth of ____
5. Teen trouble, typically
6. Comedian Eddie
7. Prior to
8. ____-f____ (pretentious)
9. ____ blanche
10. Rotates
11. Andalusian capital
15. Start the hand over
17. She-sheep
19. What contractors come to
22. Impromptu
24. Old-timey word often heard preceding "protest"
26. Country singer Williams
28. Drill
31. Stocking imperfection
33. Cautiously reticent
34. ____ Direction
37. Comedian Williams
38. Oklahoma city
39. Acts anxious, in a way
40. Relieve anxiety, in a way
41. Landscaping level
44. Atomic variant
45. Deputize
47. Title word for Alcott or Saint-Exupéry
49. "Moving on ..."
51. "I Got ____ and I Missed It" (Dr. Hook & the Medicine Show song written by Shel Silverstein)
53. Break under strain
54. Irritable
55. Abbreviation in some addresses
58. Emergency babysitter, maybe
61. [Their mistake, not mine]
62. Family room