

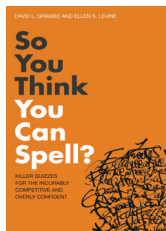
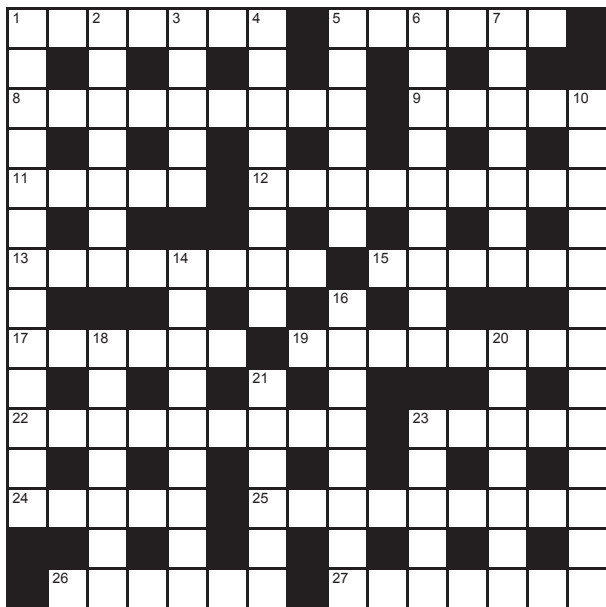
# Crossword 13,972 Set by Cincinnus

## ACROSS

- Sieve required by good cook (7)
- A cheerleader has means of securing agreement (6)
- Not so fresh white rose (9)
- Start where action is called for (5)
- One plays with ruler after school (5)
- Soak poets at sea, as it were (2,2,5)
- Historic event leads to Dean Martin appearing in Scottish town (8)
- Diarist extremely lonely in flat (6)
- Nothing favoured focus (4,2)
- Ground cover for quiet reptile (8)
- One is up late near Ford (9)
- Bird ignoring directions, initially OK (5)
- Desire to cross Middle East country (5)
- Circus performer happy with current list in retrospect (9)
- Anxious letters from disillusioned geek (2,4)
- Movement of animals requiring foreign agreements (7)

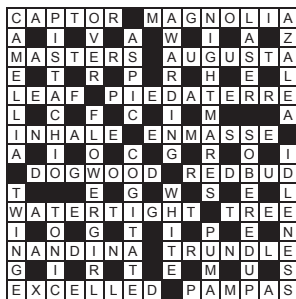
## DOWN

- Bond once uniting globe – Zane Grey (6,7)
- Beastly watering hole in which smell's apparent at first (7)
- Doctor ringing university about artist (5)
- Music company's chance to speak about end of undercover agent (8)
- Name-dropping servant clumsily turns aside (6)
- Annoyed about mixing styles (9)
- Brand name for philosopher? (7)
- Surprised when fish has swallowed a man taking stock (5,8)
- I need most fluid to be slightly wet (9)
- Paid before second response (8)
- Course of therapy for soldiers lacking finish (7)
- Exercises one needed in China? (7)
- Slight annoyance when goods are deposited in river (6)
- Foreign heavyweight who often won on points (5)



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## Solution 13,971



## Solution 13,961



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