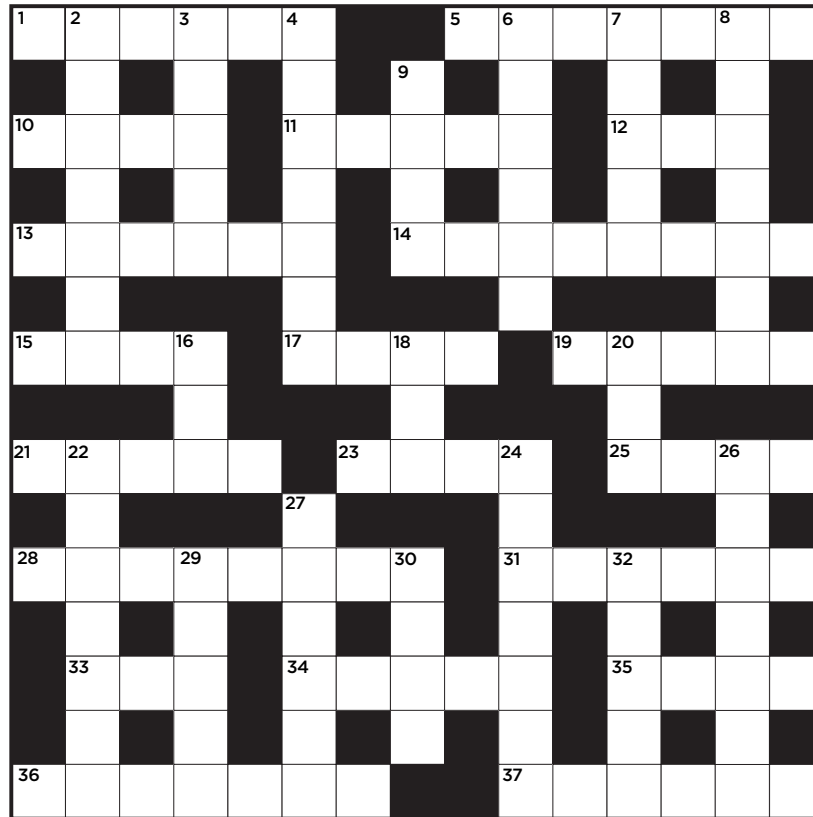


BLACK CHALK, THE CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- 1 Seventh __, hermit's NYC location (6)
- 5 Subject studied by Mark (7)
- 10 Frank Mason's animals (4)
- 11 Former PM, or hermit's ex wife (5)
- 12 Important card, or New York skee ball bar (3)
- 13 Future wife of **25 across** (6)
- 14 Lilliputian member of **24 down** (8)
- 15 Pitt's American abroad (4)
- 17 Jazz's Fitzgerald (4)
- 19 German toast, or "one-hundred per cent, grade A, total fucking cock" (5)
- 21 Former job of **13 across's** father (5)
- 23 Large dose (of whisky, say) (4)
- 25 The funny one (4)
- 28 **15 across's** real first name (8)
- 31 Centremost member of **24 down** (6)
- 33 "Every night when I try to climb into __, I find I cannot get under the covers because an assortment of glasses, plates, bowls and various other gimcracks and gewgaws block my way." (3)
- 34 *Black Chalk* author (5)
- 35 Competed (4)
- 36 Ogling (7)
- 37 Sticklike weapon (6)

DOWN

- 2 Victory (7)
- 3 Artist's table (5)
- 4 Guilty ("Was I __ when everything fell apart? When everything went wrong with The Game, was it because of mistakes made by me?") (2,5)
- 6 Sudden fear (6)
- 7 Initiate (5)
- 8 Cheddar, brie, mascarpone... (7)
- 9 "The ideal target put down his __. And then he looked up at Chad, his lips tight against his teeth, and said, 'Who on earth names their son after a Third World fucking country?'" (4)
- 16 Cassandra Addison (3)
- 18 Subject studied by **27 down** (3)
- 20 British rule in India (3)
- 22 Occupy (7)
- 24 Tallest, **31 across** and **14 across** (4,3)
- 26 Pitt __, Oxford setting (7)
- 27 "It had taken an act of immense bravery for Chad to befriend __." (6)
- 29 Ask for drinks at The Churchill Arms, eg (5)
- 30 Devours (4)
- 32 Camp __, Pitt's Oscar Wilde wannabe (5)