

# The World's Easiest Piratical Puzzle



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Avast and pay heed, ye scurvy bunch of landlubbers in search of booty and the glory of the high seas. There be a most piratical puzzle to be found here and it be the most easy a puzzle ever to see the light o'day. Most ev'ry answer in this here puzzle that be of five letter or more can be found in the three published excerpts of the most excellent "Pirate King" penned by that most peerless wench, Laurie R. King, herself a bit of a pirate, methinks. So just cipher out the right words and put 'em in the right berths. Yo ho ho.

--by Laidee Marjorie  
with Aline Kirrug

Here be the grid (Note: E1 means the word came from published Excerpt #1. E2 and E3 follow suit). Haven't read the excerpts? You can find them here: <http://snipurl.com/tqwkm>

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**Here be the clues:**

<b>Across:</b>	<b>Down:</b>
<p>1. The westernmost country of Europe (E2)          6. Windsor and Kensington, for example          10. What the “flat bread” in E3 would be called in the Middle East          12. Cash hit “A Boy Named _____”          13. Yea antonym          14. Just the two of _____          16. Holmes’ tone (besides solicitous) towards Russell as PIRATE KING begins (E1)          19. McCullers “_____ of the Wedding”          20. Old time comic strip “_____ Abner”          21. Anderson drama “Tea _____ Sympathy”          22. Quandary: _____ pickle          23. Broadway’s George M.          25. Lee’s “_____ Kill a Mockingbird”          27. Russell &amp; Holmes once had an important conversation atop a hansom _____ before Russell leaped off and ran away          28. Hopeful maritime call: “Land _____!”          30. _____ Scala, Holmes favorite opera house?          32. Morse code distress signal          33. WHAT WE ARE ALL HERE TO CELEBRATE!          38. Sticky mess          39. _____ and behold          40. Method of delivering medication (abbrev.)          41. Ireland, the Emerald _____          45. Old time memo heading: IN _____          46. Blushing _____, Russell’s status in early 1921          47. Bearer of false witness          48. He or she love this first year Latin class word          50. Wracking cries of despair          52. Russell is sure she’s involved with “The Case of the _____ Twin” (E2)          55. Constitutionally, USA’s First State (abbrev.)          56. _____ TV – very good quality television          57. Asking for the time in Madrid: Que hora _____?          58. Descartes’ philosophy: “Cogito _____ sum.”          60. What Pessoa calls his alter egos (E2)          65. Location that struck Russell as relatively quiet (E3)          68. Belonging to Detective Martinelli          69. It fits _____ a tee          70. Gem-like color of ceiling design in E3          71. Most dear of spices (E3)</p>	<p>1. Location of the operetta that forms basis of the book’s silent movie (E1)          2. Style of house (meaning garden) in Arabic. (E3)          3. “E pluribus _____”          4. Old time newspaper wire service (Abbrev.)          5. Destination city for Russell (E1)          6. LaRocha lacks one perched on his shoulder when Russell first meets him (E2)          7. Blockhead          8. A sea rover’s curved sword. (E1)          9. AA, _____, _____, OO, UU          11. _____ Kwon Do, martial art similar to Baritsu?          15. Man’s title of address in Lisboa (E2)          17. Faulkner’s “_____ Lay Dying”          18. Hamlet urges Ophelia to go and live this way (E3)          24. State for Bouchercon 2012          26. Kalamatas (E3)          29. Song lyric: “A rollicking band of pirates _____”          31. _____ apple a day...          33. Pessoa and his literary buddies          34. Burdensome sea bird (E1)          35. Common sight on the Moor (and it’s not a hound!)          36. Kinney’s “Diary of a Wimpy _____”          37. Sullivan’s partner (E1)          38. _____ the brass ring          42. Bro’s female sibling          43. Biggest city in CA          44. In E1 Holmes says he needs to tidy up the Goodman _____.          49. Canine command found in a Dana Stabenow novel?          51. “_____ to a Grecian Urn”          53. Sink your _____ into          54. Playthings          56. “_____ Succeed in Business Without Really Trying”          59. With Holmes urging in E1, Russell was bound to _____ abroad          61. _____ out: barely make a living          62. Sailors on long voyages did this to make lace for their loved ones using their net making skills          63. A king in Spain          64. A pirate is most at home on this          66. _____ sequitur          67. State of Boston</p>

*As always, all errors and eccentricities be mine and nobody else’s. I speak American and a smattering of English, so keep that in mind. Thanks be to the Pirate Queen, Laurie R. King, as well as that swashbuckler, John T. Bychowski, for his assistance and support. Argbbbbb! -- L.M.*