

First Steps by Martin Ashwood-Smith

ACROSS

- 1. Heat
- 5. Present person
- 10. Fuel for some book-burnings
- 14. Opera singer Flagello
- 15. Way through the woods
- 16. Circle overhead
- 17. Universal, in a way
- 19. NATO member
- 20. Dividing membrane
- 21. Nova Scotia ____
- 22. Set piece?
- 23. It may stop a fight
- 24. Classic 1921 play set partly in a factory
- 26. Pod door controller of filmdom
- 28. Features of some televised debates
- 34. Steve Guttenberg/Randy Quaid drama of 1980
- 35. U.S. Special Op Regiment re-established in 2014
- 36. Power tools?
- 37. Some Sealand attractions
- 38. Wee, in Dundee
- 39. Fin. neighbor
- 40. Small time pieces?
- 43. Supermarket chain
- 45. Top-to-bottom
- 48. Did lunch, say
- 50. "The Ballad of Reading ____" (Wilde)
- 51. 4 Seasons hit of 1965
- 53. Monumental year?
- 54. Home to over a billion

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- 55. Belgian balladeer Jacques
- 56. Introduction from a fake Rolex seller, perhaps
- 57. Not rounded
- 58. It literally means "since"
- 11. About half of most murder suspects
- 12. Actress Liv, and family
- 13. Miniature
- 18. Party line?
- 25. Presses in the kitchen
- 27. Dropped letters?
- 28. The New Yorker cartoonist Edward
- 29. Hatcher and Polo
- 30. Smallest human bone
- 31. Progress incrementally
- 32. Make more changes, in a way
- 33. Carafes' kin
- 34. Béarnaise sauce spices
- 35. Some Dade County denizens
- 36. Unsel'd of the N.B.A.
- 40. Long in the tooth
- 41. Actor Blades of "Gideon's Crossing"
- 42. Runway concern
- 44. Oceans
- 45. "____ Baby" ("Hair" song)
- 46. Wildcat with tufted ears
- 47. Mother of Castor and Pollux
- 49. Flags
- 50. Continuity problem
- 52. Pen handle?

DOWN

- 1. Spread on the table
- 2. Turkic tongue
- 3. Lighter handle?
- 4. Suit from the Big Band era
- 5. Uppers
- 6. Framework?
- 7. Oft filed item
- 8. Show stopper?
- 9. His career is in "Jeopardy!"
- 10. Thick pile