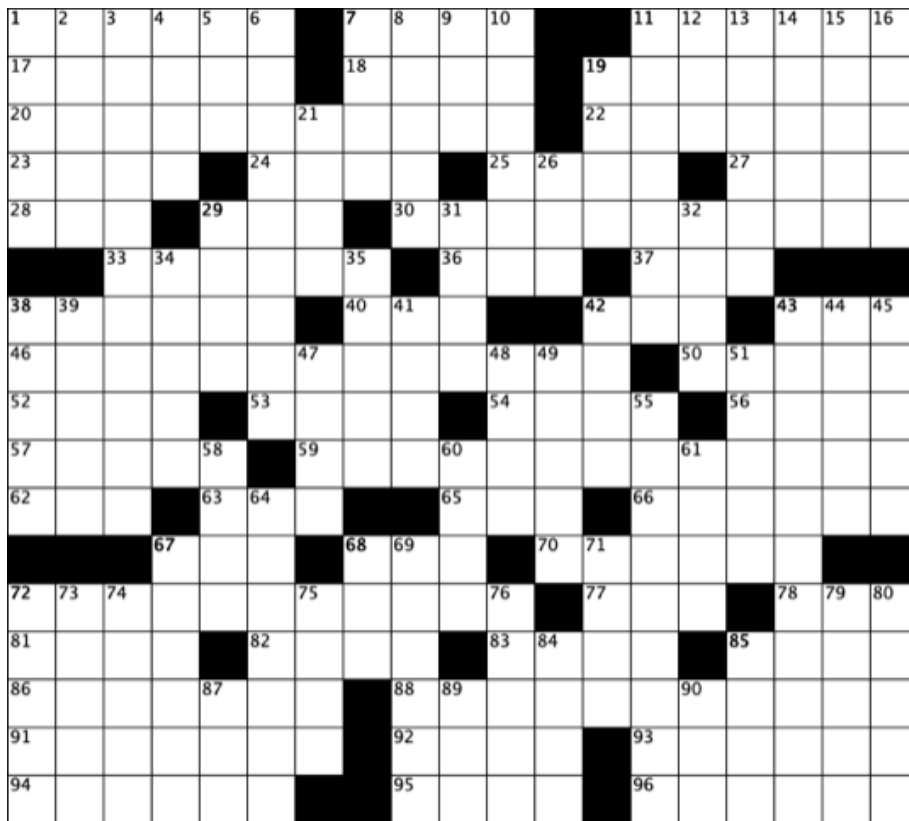


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Now considered a great movie, it was so controversial in its day that the studio was afraid to release it. No spoilers here or in the puzzle — just art with a little mystery to enjoy!



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ACROSS

1 Completely calm
7 Really keen on
11 Popular shade-loving plants
17 Glossy coating
18 Must-have
19 Didn't leave the house
20 *Movie that debuted May 1, 1941*
22 Like a satellite's path
23 Beauty salon focus
24 Price
25 Not barefoot
27 Lounge (about)
28 Green prefix
29 Platte River native
30 *Co-writer, director and star of 20-Across*
33 "That's all wrong!"
36 Granola morsel
37 Surgery ctrs.
38 One who decorates a house for sale
40 Texting format, briefly
42 ___-cone
43 Relaxation destination
46 *Tycoon who significantly inspired the movie, tried to suppress it and banned its mention from his newspapers*
50 The Great Tempter
52 "Would ___ to you?"
53 Movie mogul Marcus
54 "There oughta be ___!"
56 Worm on a hook, maybe
57 Cluttered, say
59 *Broadway site where 20-Across debuted (after Radio City Music Hall declined, afraid of 46-Across's wrath)*
62 Old ultrafast plane, briefly
63 "To a Skylark," e.g.
65 Equinox mo.
66 Convent leader
67 It's "just a number"
68 Ultimate degree
70 Letter-shaped shoe fastener

72 *Studio that financed 20-Across but hesitated to release it*
77 Sister language of Thai
78 Acorn product and producer
81 Israel-based carrier
82 Descartes or Magritte
83 Like most Goodwill goods
85 ___ mater
86 Like baseball caps and motorcycle helmets
88 *Academy Award won by 30-Across and Herman Mankiewicz (one of nine nominations for 20-Across)*
91 The Sith, to the Jedi
92 Shallowest Great Lake
93 Tree that giraffes snack on
94 Sappho's home
95 Hold on to
96 Hotel-room Bible provider

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1 Dry, to Deneuve
2 Giant computer of the 1940s
3 One who relies on reason
4 Islamic ruler
5 Pince-___ glasses
6 Word with college or votes
7 Tattoo artist's supplies
8 "Peachy!"
9 Cube root of 1,000
10 Texas or Ukraine city
11 Difficult but successful
12 Gambling parlor letters
13 They help con artists
14 Complete ... or completely destroy
15 Bowl over
16 Monica of tennis
19 Any minute now
21 Time for lunch
26 All the rage
29 "Dedicated to the ___ love"
31 Civil rights pioneer Parks
32 Greek Cupid
34 Leers at

35 Actor Milo of "Ulysses"
38 Moves in a school?
39 Scrabble pieces
41 Kitten cry
42 RBI or ERA, e.g.
43 Highway troopers
44 Noah's Ark groupings
45 Pot starters
47 Act sullen
48 Track competition
49 Conked out
51 Addis ___
55 "This is bor-r-ring!"
58 Name before Berra or Bear
60 ESPN's Arthur ___ Courage Award
61 River through Spain
64 Official proclamations
67 Poise under duress
68 Cloistered female
69 Late game show host Alex
71 Whole bunch
72 Eat, drink and be merry
73 "A Fish Called Wanda" star Kevin
74 Desert reguges
75 "Bill and ___ Excellent Adventure"
76 "Little" sleepyhead in an Everly Brothers hit
79 Prenatal test, briefly
80 Elena of the Supreme Court
84 Staircase unit
85 Ever so slightly
87 Carnival city
89 Before, poetically
90 Here, to Henri

