



Bryant Park Reading Room Coffee & Crosswords Tournament Puzzles 2018

The third annual Bryant Park Crossword Tournament was held in September 2018 at the Bryant Park Reading Room, a lovely outdoor corner of the famed park in Midtown Manhattan, just behind the main branch of the New York Public Library. Solvers in this Puzzability event competed on three puzzles, and the top three contestants then dueled it out in a championship final. All puzzles, including an additional warm-up puzzle, were by Mike Shenk.

Our Coffee & Crosswords event features two skill divisions, Espresso and Cappuccino. The 2018 tournament, and the Espresso Division, was won by Glen Ryan, with Jan O'Sullivan in second place and Arnold Reich in third. Cappuccino Division winners were James Salwen in first, Craig Rimby in second, and Carolyn D'Aquila in third.

All five puzzles from the 2018 tournament are included here. To recreate the full 2018 experience, solve them in a park with pigeons and the occasional nearby siren on a day that threatens rain—which mercifully holds off until your tournament has just ended. We hope you enjoy these puzzles.

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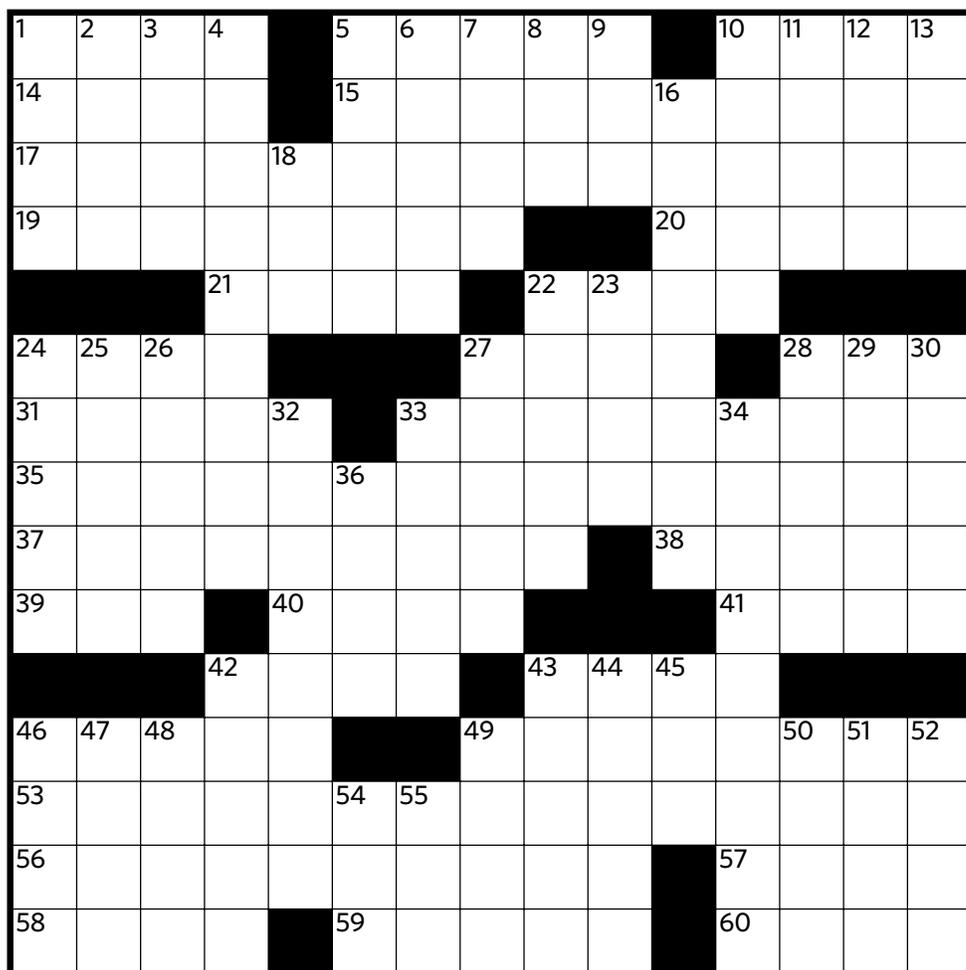
WARM-UP PUZZLE: Fiction Forecast

ACROSS

- 1 Feudal farmer
- 5 Mating game
- 10 Hero aided by the divine monkey Hanuman
- 14 "A Death in the Family" author James
- 15 Bounced off a surface
- 17 1936 Margaret Mitchell novel
- 19 Neapolitan song that Elvis's "It's Now or Never" is based on
- 20 Minimal amounts
- 21 Help in misdeeds
- 22 Stable environment?
- 24 Catch need
- 27 Sea dogs
- 28 Stud spot
- 31 Shut down, as a northern port
- 33 Amazon facility
- 35 1973 Thomas Pynchon novel
- 37 Vandalize in a profane manner
- 38 "Common Sense" pamphleteer
- 39 East, in Germany
- 40 Park flyer
- 41 Sparrow snack
- 42 Novel basis
- 43 Copperplate or Courier
- 46 Sotomayor of the Supreme Court
- 49 Beta decay byproduct
- 53 1941 Agatha Christie novel
- 56 Puts in one's sights
- 57 Costar of Farrell and Farr
- 58 Huskies' tow
- 59 Painter Veronese
- 60 Enthusiastic

DOWN

- 1 Starch from a palm
- 2 They often clash
- 3 Spot with lots of slots
- 4 2012 Fergie song
- 5 Battery, e.g.
- 6 Cue for the bandleader
- 7 Cavern comeback
- 8 Lush
- 9 Acad. or coll.
- 10 Gained back
- 11 Bickering
- 12 Suvari of "American Pie"
- 13 Throws in
- 16 Right of succession
- 18 Fly catcher
- 22 Dance studio fixture
- 23 Vicinity
- 24 Gala
- 25 Ranch measure
- 26 Minimal amount
- 27 Decorator's asset
- 28 Ragtime piano legend Blake
- 29 Unified
- 30 Give up alimony, perhaps
- 32 Six-time Masters Tournament champ
- 33 First name at the O.K. Corral
- 34 Hot
- 36 ZZ Top or the Dixie Chicks, e.g.
- 42 Made a heap out of
- 43 Wild
- 44 Words before sea or lunch
- 45 Extreme degree
- 46 Match divisions
- 47 Track shape
- 48 Company named for a victory goddess
- 49 Fish found in a movie
- 50 Cruise stop
- 51 Michelangelo's David, e.g.
- 52 "___ unrelated matter ..."
- 54 Afternoon refresher
- 55 Box on un calendario



PUZZLE 1: Audio Books

ACROSS

- 1 Call for Friskies
- 4 Authoritative proclamation
- 9 Thunderbirds' org.
- 13 Sack
- 14 Taqueria offering
- 15 Sambuca flavorer
- 16 Not waste much time in lines?
- 18 Escorted from the front door
- 19 In need of being wrung out
- 20 Taqueria offering
- 22 Killing time?
- 24 Loads of housework
- 25 Mesmerized
- 28 Drugstore chain named for the Manhattan streets of its first location
- 33 Off the wind
- 34 Bargaining results
- 35 "Toy Story" dinosaur
- 36 Hand part
- 37 Gargoyle, e.g.
- 38 Mount near Messina
- 39 Typographic measures
- 40 Capital of East Flanders
- 41 Smart
- 42 Bassoon, e.g.
- 45 Go the distance
- 46 Nasser, for one
- 47 Country singer McEntire
- 49 "See you then!"
- 53 Like grits
- 57 Stand out
- 58 Mitch McConnell's predecessor
- 60 Red and blue states?
- 61 Benefit
- 62 One of ten, in geology
- 63 Lies by the pool
- 64 Present, e.g.
- 65 Grader's aid

DOWN

- 1 Target of gravity
- 2 Convention center event
- 3 Annoying thing to find in a bed
- 4 Cut off
- 5 Blankety-blank
- 6 Rocks in slings?
- 7 Online help option
- 8 Flap
- 9 Anxious feeling
- 10 Hermann Hesse novel
- 11 Polo grounds?
- 12 Swampy swaths

- 15 Sites for rites
- 17 Ready for publication
- 21 Work hard
- 23 Late meal
- 25 Did a 10K, e.g.
- 26 Site of a historic 1836 siege
- 27 Jane Austen novel
- 29 Stag
- 30 Like "das Kapital," grammatically
- 31 Leary of "Rescue Me"
- 32 Not rounded
- 37 Lola's missing dog in a 1950 play

- 38 Treat whose name means "lightning"
- 40 Woodland clearings
- 43 Mavericks lack them
- 44 Earthquake product
- 48 "The Road to Wellville" author T.C.
- 49 Ideologies
- 50 Grand
- 51 Pointer's pronoun
- 52 Gutter holder
- 54 Garlic's kin
- 55 Name beside a harp on some euros
- 56 "Saving Private Ryan" depiction
- 59 Did a 10K, e.g.

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PUZZLE 2: Park Surroundings

ACROSS

- 1 Sake source
- 5 Betrayed nervousness
- 10 Jenna Fischer's role on "The Office"
- 13 Like some tests and testimony
- 14 Camel's South American cousin
- 15 Crude
- 16 Integrity test on a transferred file
- 18 Soap bubble, essentially
- 19 Info for a limo driver
- 20 Stroll among the trees
- 21 "You'll Never Find Another Love Like Mine" singer Lou
- 23 Stack on an accountant's desk
- 25 Some have canopies
- 27 Marshy area
- 28 In the style of
- 29 Via, informally
- 30 Unleash, as invective
- 32 Careful way to think or look
- 34 Goal
- 35 ¶
- 38 Suede feature
- 39 Sees the sights
- 40 Fish with a pointed snout
- 41 Pitcher Hershiser
- 43 Presided over
- 44 Vicious with a bass
- 45 Enjoys, as a favorite book
- 47 Russian Tea Room bowlful
- 51 Fabric with diagonal ridges
- 52 Nation north of Burkina Faso
- 53 Bit of sunshine
- 54 Book jacket flap feature
- 55 "Downtown" singer
- 58 Do the wrong thing
- 59 Commercial trucking company
- 60 Cash on hand?

- 61 Musophobe's cry
- 62 Following
- 63 Caddie's pocketful

DOWN

- 1 Pollster Elmo
- 2 Seething
- 3 Diamond unit
- 4 Peyton's younger brother
- 5 Choices
- 6 More than smart
- 7 Signal on set
- 8 Trespass
- 9 Senegal's capital

- 10 Hustler in a hall
- 11 Drone attack
- 12 Org. for Rays, A's, and Jays
- 14 In competition
- 17 Pitch to
- 22 Fresh from the shower
- 24 Cab alternative
- 25 Goes ape
- 26 Bottom-line figure
- 28 Hugo or Tony
- 30 Middle weight?
- 31 Bureaucratic burden
- 32 Makes level
- 33 Based on observation
- 36 Bookbinding decoration

- 37 Lends a hand
- 38 Neither go-with
- 42 Fragrant garland
- 44 Clean energy choice
- 46 Socially dominant
- 47 Machine in a hayfield
- 48 Common origami creation
- 49 Writer Bret
- 50 Moppets
- 52 Epitome of stubbornness
- 54 Contest to join for a spell?
- 56 Chiding sound
- 57 Back muscle, for short

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PUZZLE 3: Tree Dimensions

ACROSS

- 1 Trevor's predecessor at "The Daily Show"
- 4 Major muddle
- 9 Race starter
- 13 Primatologist's subject
- 14 Like some bobsleds
- 15 Cowboy's neckwear
- 16 Dealers in the tree business?
- 18 Dial in the bathroom
- 19 Like chinchillas and vicuñas
- 20 Fish of the genus Hippocampus
- 22 Makes a backup copy, say
- 24 Word of action
- 25 Ones giving parts to trees?
- 30 Customary
- 33 Brings up
- 34 Commit perjury, say
- 35 Piquant quality
- 36 Sugar substitute?
- 37 "Play it, Sam" speaker
- 38 Tree in a colonnade
- 39 Lizard look-alikes
- 40 Elgort of "Baby Driver"
- 41 Tree featured in brief films?
- 44 Call of the wild
- 45 Au ____
- 49 Dodge chargers?
- 53 Sara Roosevelt's maiden name
- 54 Strains on stage
- 55 Tree has no chance in the Best of the Forest competition?
- 57 Loyalty program level
- 58 Former Georgian president Shevardnadze
- 59 Trail
- 60 Water, whirled
- 61 Muffles
- 62 Subj. of some fairs

DOWN

- 1 Royal Vizier of Agrabah, in a Disney movie
- 2 Put forward
- 3 Bookish bunch
- 4 George Gershwin's first hit
- 5 Endorsement
- 6 Site of Cyclones home games
- 7 The going rate
- 8 Shady
- 9 Thoroughly engross
- 10 They're heard before opening acts
- 11 Lamentably
- 12 Look down
- 14 Break a court rule
- 17 Thing with a string
- 21 Sheet edges
- 23 They have heads and threads
- 26 Setting of Macbeth's meeting with the three witches
- 27 "Downton Abbey" butler
- 28 Obey a court order
- 29 Freshness preserver
- 30 Sch. with Paydirt Pete for its mascot
- 31 Pitcher's windup?
- 32 Single
- 36 Covered, in a way
- 37 Grounds for a duel
- 39 Stewart's successor at "The Daily Show"
- 40 Don't miss
- 42 Reverent recitation
- 43 Storm trackers
- 46 "Love Is a Hurtin' Thing" singer Lou
- 47 Its original programmers were all women
- 48 Eye sound
- 49 Final check?
- 50 Inhospitable, in a way
- 51 Electra's grandmother
- 52 Participated in a medley, perhaps
- 56 Tube top

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THE FINAL: For the Championship

ACROSS

- 1 Pop quiz announcement reaction
- 6 Not enough money to keep you in business?
- 15 Sound, say
- 16 Winner of bronze in basketball at the 1992, 1996, and 2000 Olympics
- 17 "The word of your undoing," Willy Loman tells Biff
- 18 Paragons of good behavior
- 19 Jaws
- 21 1099-___ (tax form from a bank)
- 22 Skate, e.g.
- 23 Class delivery
- 25 Movement whose name means "hobbyhorse"
- 26 Security problem
- 27 Leave the board
- 28 Followers of Guru Nanak
- 29 Y wearer
- 30 Place to take your pick
- 31 Start of many Brazilian place names
- 32 It follows Income Tax
- 38 Get to
- 39 Featherweight boxer
- 40 Fight for superiority
- 41 Brand with a torch logo
- 44 Go into a sharp decline
- 45 Close to the goal
- 46 Roughly built
- 47 Site whose gift shop gives out two-dollar bills as change
- 49 Took courses
- 50 It has a 110-mi. Mediterranean coast
- 51 How Thomas More wrote "Utopia"
- 52 Like the Spanish "parque," the German "Park," and the French "parc"
- 55 Like a follower of Mary

- 56 You can cover a diamond with it
- 57 Egyptian pharaoh credited with founding the First Dynasty
- 58 Carnival booking
- 59 Bench activity

DOWN

- 1 Koala bear, e.g.
- 2 Leaving sentences unfinished, perhaps
- 3 Big name on Milan's runways
- 4 Get to
- 5 Head for the stockyards
- 6 Clip's job
- 7 Lucky strike
- 8 Gear

- 9 Monk's music
- 10 Offended
- 11 Marvy
- 12 Patagonia product
- 13 Capital that's home to the world's largest all-female university
- 14 Average boosters
- 20 Outstanding indication?
- 24 Stormed
- 25 Christian from France
- 28 Grains used by bakers
- 30 Joan with a brush
- 31 Register
- 33 Shooter's equipment
- 34 Film role for Clara Blandick
- 35 Brand that once claimed to be "the world's best nightcap"

- 36 Their business is taking off
- 37 Buffy's enemy-turned-ally Anya, e.g.
- 41 Priestly member of King Louis XIII's guard
- 42 Wolverine, e.g.
- 43 It was founded in 1794 by decree of Catherine the Great
- 44 Site of the Palasport Olimpico hockey arena
- 45 Shuttle operator
- 47 Hypothermia blanket material
- 48 Walk heavily
- 50 "You bet!"
- 53 Deal preceder, perhaps
- 54 SFC, e.g.

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Answers

WARM-UP: Fiction Forecast

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PUZZLE 1: Audio Books

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PUZZLE 2: Park Surroundings

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PUZZLE 3: Tree Dimensions

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FINAL: For the Championship

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