

# DEAR MCSWEENEY'S

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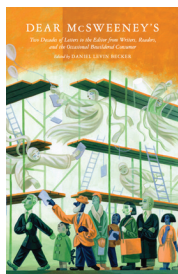
## ACROSS

- 1 SALUTATION
- 4 Mes after mayo
- 9 \_\_\_-3 fatty acid
- 14 Eastern VIP
- 15 Low poker hand
- 16 Word with cut or crust
- 17 START OF A QUESTION
- 20 Helena-to-Missoula dir.
- 21 It may be coddled or beaten
- 22 QUESTION, part 2
- 29 Wishes
- 30 Not very receptive
- 31 "Let me clarify..."
- 33 Fruitless
- 34 Pin
- 35 At heart: Latin
- 36 Tennis court divider
- 37 QUESTION, part 3
- 39 Hermana de la madre
- 40 Marsupials with spoon-shaped noses
- 42 Top left PC key
- 43 Squash item
- 44 Building managers, briefly
- 45 Air bags overseers?: Abbr.
- 46 Still with us
- 47 QUESTION, part 4
- 50 The longest time?
- 51 Drunkard
- 52 END OF THE QUESTION
- 61 "Sick!," back in the day
- 62 Archaeological site
- 63 Wax container?
- 64 Too serious
- 65 Transition in music
- 66 CLOSING

## DOWN

- 1 Played for a sap
- 2 It's sometimes bruised or inflated
- 3 "Huzzah!"
- 4 Sunday drives, perhaps
- 5 Leading by a pair
- 6 Dismissive turndown
- 7 IX's square root
- 8 Bad-tempered
- 9 Expansive
- 10 Speed meas.
- 11 Grp. monitoring emissions
- 12 Take vengeance on
- 13 "Thank U, Next" singer, to fans
- 18 Had the rights to
- 19 Putin's one-time employer
- 22 Became threadbare
- 23 It's often written in stone
- 24 Pulitzer Prize winner (and McSweeney's author) \_\_\_ Thanh Nguyen
- 25 Heart checking exam
- 26 Abbr. in many Black church names
- 27 Give the dye another try
- 28 Former Brazilian president Lula \_\_\_
- 29 Tom who was in the documentary "California Typewriter" (so was I!)
- 32 Author Zora \_\_\_ Hurston
- 34 Boil fluid?
- 35 Abbr. in many company names
- 37 Conveys
- 38 "Morale \_\_\_ an all-time low"
- 41 Hawaiian decoration
- 43 Media barrage
- 45 High-toned fellows?
- 46 Fire up
- 48 Moo
- 49 College sports cable channel
- 52 "\_\_\_ Anchors Speechless After Guest Goes On Long, Coherent Thought" (*The Onion* headline)
- 53 Vintage car inits.
- 54 Clumsy dancer
- 55 Alphabetical trio
- 56 Be repentant
- 57 Archaeological site
- 58 Man's name hidden in the word GAZEBO
- 59 Word before or after "Lady" in a Dylan title
- 60 Palindrome in sonnets

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