



Across

- 1 Not right, desiring bard over novel, but it's not the whole story (8,7)
- 9 Amperage jolted leeching energy to storm (7)
- 10 Spoil 1 down: clue better endings for Boatman (7)
- 11 Softly at home and secure (3)
- 12 Band set as 10 punishing beats to the feet (11)
- 13 Brief, sweet liaison, favor a life's folly (4,6)
- 15 Announce that I will arrive at Tasmania, say (4)
- 18 Done for, US stinker doesn't get Kamala at first (4)
- 20 See? I'm cast a sour puss (7,3)
- 23 Petty boss to engage in detailed supervision? (11)
- 25 Coral for one deep (3)
- 26 Computer peripherals made by the French in Vietnamese capital (7)
- 27 Girls scouting movement showing the way (7)

- 28 Angry when manure piled on what was a fruitful exchange (15)

Down

- 1 Cairo's police half-baked at this ancient site (9)
- 2 'Memory, a winter month' an old Russian line (7)
- 3 Passe hit's worn out (4-4)
- 4 Equal chance prime opener slips to last (5)
- 5 Hopes for those late turning up after 5 am with theory that Stoker's work is real (9)
- 6 Go over text about concerning promo (6)
- 7 Rock group I front headlines gigs, new events over America (7)
- 8 Smart but bumbling, these folk regularly need redos (5)
- 14 Dish of flathead roe entrees, followed by crushed sea ices (9)
- 16 Parted ways with eccentric, in the end cleaned out (9)
- 17 Spice ale drunk was particularly noteworthy (8)
- 19 Party without tins? Not possible! (2,3,2)
- 21 Caesar's attackers stabbed, striking in

- union, senators starting: he was one (7)
- 22 Heaps of smooches, but not able (6)
 - 23 Doctor cider, mixed up trade recipe for maiden (5)
 - 24 Thieves cant get back in to Gracelands (5)