

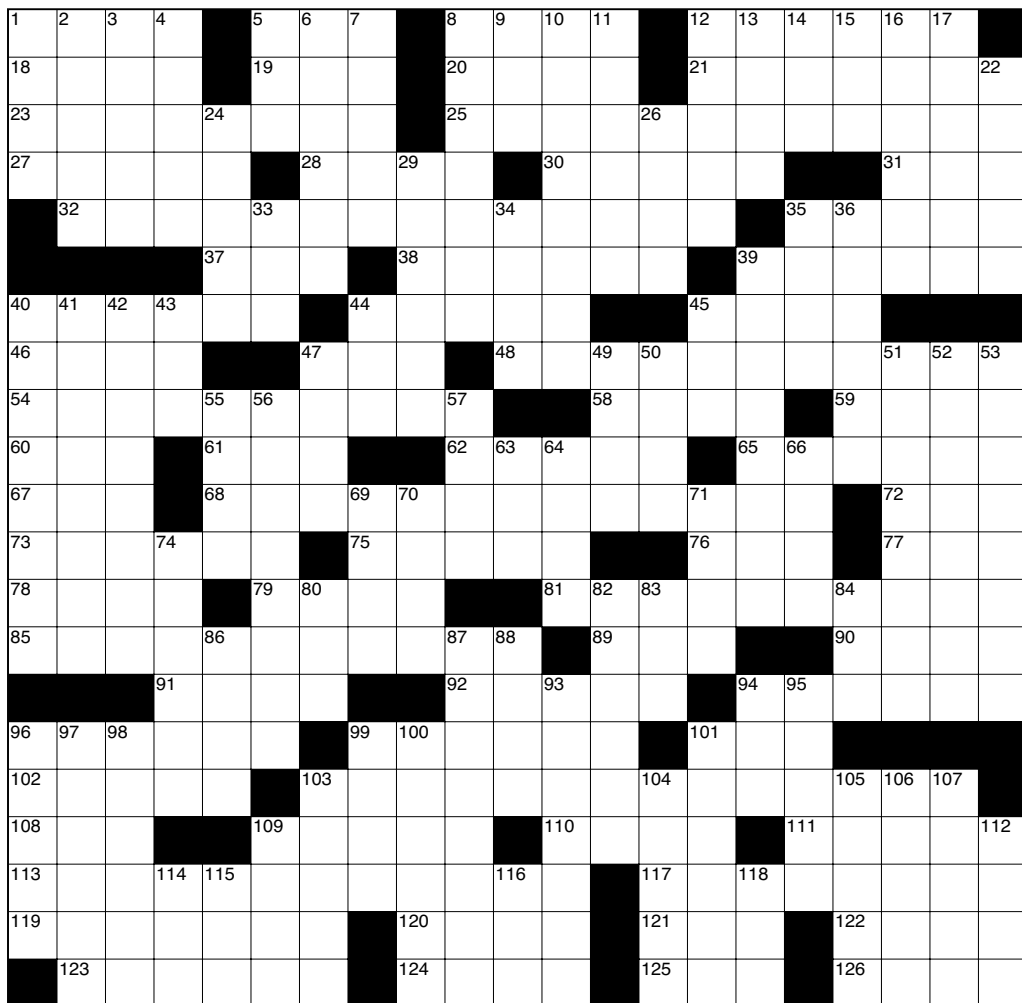
# The Secret Forest

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**NOTE:** There are 11 hidden words in all.

## ACROSS

- 1 Ceremonial splendor
- 5 Diving bird
- 8 It may be fleeing
- 12 Writer
- 18 Melville opus
- 19 Bearded beast
- 20 Rapper-turned-actor
- 21 Corrupts
- 23 Conversation starter
- 25 Subject of an AI Franken book
- 27 Mean mien?
- 28 Bjorn contemporary
- 30 Coral, for one
- 31 Relax, dog-style
- 32 Authors of a classic style manual
- 35 Play unit
- 37 Design sense
- 38 Greeley or Mann
- 39 Adder of shiny finishes
- 40 Stick
- 44 Like the ZIP code system
- 45 In \_\_\_ (going nowhere)
- 46 A native of
- 47 “\_\_\_ the Walrus”
- 48 SOS, for one
- 54 Picky one
- 58 Tapers?
- 59 Insect wings
- 60 Up-to-something tyke
- 61 *Primero numero*
- 62 Not hitched
- 65 \_\_\_ all (speaks volumes)
- 67 Jackie married him
- 68 Cereal brand
- 72 Fluor finish
- 73 Restaurant policy, sometimes
- 75 Bit of lit, in French
- 76 Malt ending
- 77 Here/there insert
- 78 Clean, as erasers
- 79 Taj Mahal site
- 81 Cereal brand
- 85 *Diner* co-star
- 89 Old TV letters
- 90 Untied
- 91 Heartless
- 92 Thugs
- 94 Where Memphis is, gazetteer-style
- 96 Jabberwock advice
- 99 Preserves, as remains
- 101 Timber tree
- 102 Precise
- 103 Line from a 1999 thriller
- 108 Actor Bellows
- 109 Sheds feathers
- 110 Red sign
- 111 Spondulix
- 113 NASA OK
- 117 Hairy role? (this one’s hiding backwards)
- 119 Mosaic piece
- 120 “... purse out of \_\_\_’s ear”
- 121 Collar



- 122 Actor Morales
- 123 Toting conveniences
- 124 Showdown time
- 125 \_\_\_ Lanka
- 126 Breather

## DOWN

- 1 D.C. players
- 2 Portents
- 3 Choral piece
- 4 Puzzle
- 5 \_\_\_ Khan
- 6 Dissimilar to
- 7 Ollie’s pal
- 8 Shot at
- 9 Pressure prelude
- 10 Where G.I.s get their G.I. tracts tested
- 11 Of a population segment
- 12 EEG peak
- 13 Show up
- 14 Eye starter
- 15 “This \_\_\_ test ...”
- 16 Conductor Pierre
- 17 Locomotive
- 22 Downright
- 24 Less specious
- 26 Past one’s bedtime
- 29 Involving no commute
- 33 Loopy Louis
- 34 Sandwich alternative
- 35 Pronounce poorly
- 36 China, once
- 39 Most flagrant
- 40 Promise of marriage

- 41 Dramatic intro
- 42 Bedlam, for one
- 43 Type units
- 44 Sharp turn
- 45 70 Down’s home: abbr.
- 47 Person on a poster
- 49 Equalize
- 50 Current choice
- 51 *Hamlet* setting
- 52 Exposed
- 53 Paul who played son Jeff on *The Donna Reed Show*
- 55 Displace, as from a flight
- 56 Worthless
- 57 Rubber ducky locales
- 63 Big D.C. lobby
- 64 *Oliver Twist*, e.g.
- 66 Feat on ice
- 69 Stomping grounds: abbr.
- 70 Author Dinesen
- 71 Horseshoe site
- 74 Drug used to treat poisoning
- 80 Wander (about)
- 82 Charges
- 83 Cries of surprise
- 84 Frequently
- 86 Man’s nickname
- 87 Tepid assent
- 88 *Sud*’s opposite
- 93 On \_\_\_ (alone)
- 94 Jet heading, perh.
- 95 Reply of wide-eyed innocence
- 96 Sired

- 97 Outcasts
- 98 1929 headline subj.
- 99 Getaway spot
- 100 Federer, e.g.
- 101 Show up
- 103 Greek letters
- 104 About half of these clues
- 105 King’s thing
- 106 Unstructured
- 107 Fitzgerald et al.
- 109 Dealership’s full amt.
- 112 Throw \_\_\_ (flip out)
- 114 Letters from old Russia
- 115 Passing comment?
- 116 Honey, e.g.
- 118 Bat stat

**\* PUZZLE FANS ! \***

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