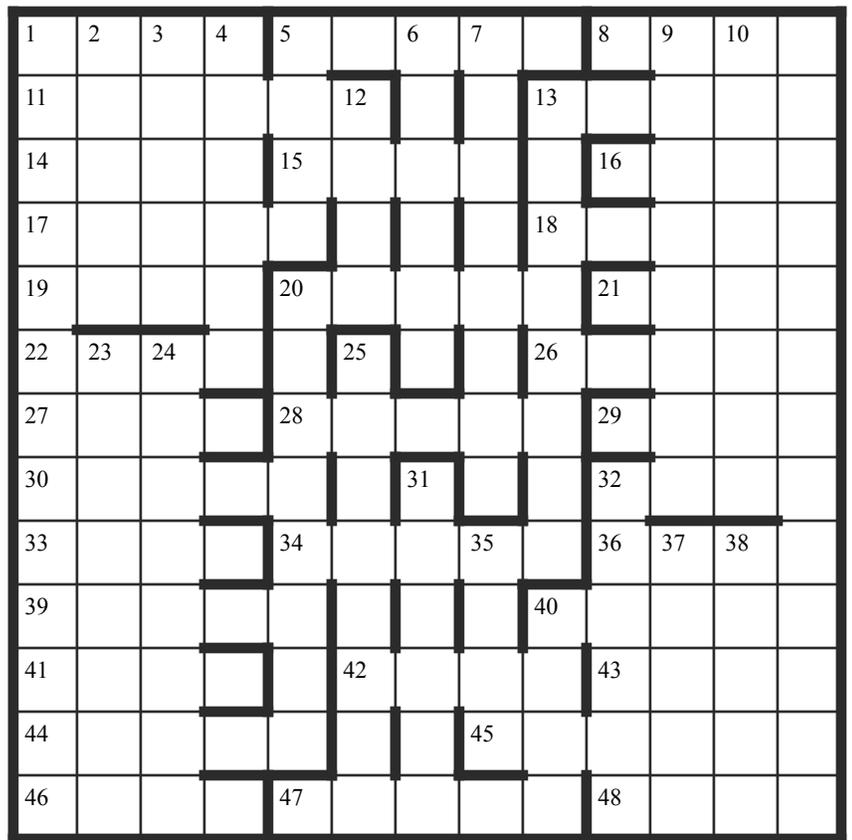


# Three-Search Project

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As a tribute to three trios of this year's Best Picture nominees, fifteen Down answers must be altered before entry, in three different ways: (1) five will include a certain name, (2) five will show a word with a certain number of letters, with some repeats, and (3) five will encode S (left to right in the grid). The five remaining Down answers will be entered normally, but in the clue for each, a word or two-word dictionary phrase has had an item removed (leaving one word behind), which must be restored before solving. These five items should be readily findable; if you need help in tracking them down, each Across clue has an extra letter (which must be removed before solving), and these letters (in clue order) will spell out a wordplay-only cryptic clue for the title of one more nominated film, which will tell you in general terms where these items are.



## ACROSS

1. Small carp one can hire as a strikebreaker (4)
5. Soul in Egypt (OK, in Austria) with high king of India (5)
8. Twisted things hatched from robe displaying Morse code symbols (4)
11. Pervert put jacks and laces out and, uh, danced (6)
13. Dodgier Hershiser flipped over author Moore from Dave Matthews Band (5)
14. Metal icon gets real (4)
15. To insult Sid's maid (4)
16. Topless Pict festooning mother's computer (4)
17. Spanish elderly compete with Jack and yourselves, chiefly (5)
18. Baiting fish from short list (5)
19. Mexican bread bought to follow later trio of crepes (4)
20. Sound pig-shaped hoes for some South Africans (5)
21. Runner Zátópek calcined CaCuO<sub>3</sub> the wrong way (4)
22. Mostly, got away from the east-bending lines (4)
26. Like huge shoves — or, alternately, epexegeses (5)
27. Every, er, retro Speed Wagon and the like (4, *abbr.*)
28. Recall emperor kissing *Slow Arabesque* star Sophia (5)
29. Subsegment Tin Man's anatomy! (4)
30. English chook and English court would be put out (5)
32. All over Toto's envelope is an abbr. often found on an envelope (4, *abbr.*)
33. What the nomad doves chew over (4)
34. Note very honest person near Dee River in the north (5)
36. Must hit (using your patella) in the rear (4)
39. Type of ecological community represented by blue moon image, outwardly (5)
40. Lewis Carroll's Boojum-like crenation of tin box (5)
41. Have mead in your mouth, and nog stuff in addition (4)
42. Dear Moe — run off and be quiet (4)

43. Thurman from *Seven Cowgirls Get The Blues Right* and *Early Caliph* (4)

44. A ducal threesome wears the French trousers (5)
45. Speaker arranged poles near aisle (6)
46. Circle some Proustian items in a poet's brook (4)
47. Tailless bear carries clubs across a bruiny expanse (2 3)
48. Pin dress of empress/model/designer de la Fressange (4)

## DOWN

2. Scoundrel's excellent, rude word
3. A sloe concoction for the *Aves* on these plants may help
4. Forbids wedding announcement on the radio
5. Warren Beatty film about semicircular symbols
6. Got rid of storage facility
7. Troy examines part of a tire
9. Spoil movie starring Dudley Moore as a weasel-like creature
10. Cart-puller taking a street that's most gravelly
12. Noises from 501 Poles
13. For a time, offers nitrogen-filled glowing objects
20. Sandwich containing 25% escargot is praised poetically
23. Controlled person crying "No!" towards the heavens
24. Split tree
25. Thousands claiming chic attire of lady is regal
31. Planet Earth is shunned by some nonhuman female beings
32. Does not keep dancer Miller inside of Tulsa
35. At first, *Rice Pies* internally has a rough sound
37. De Valera, whose office was near the skinny tom that goes to Howth each Monday
38. Don't keep upsettingly unpowerful sibs attached to a vertical shaft?
40. Yea, blundering, and ignoring ivy, destroyed stadium