

| ACROSS | 27. Retreat holding |
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Contra
Contracted spanner
commercial (8)
4. Wager takes in everybody at
dance (6)
8. Considers thanks for small
9. Homer (6)
9. Homer apt to mix this figure of
2. Aseech (8)
(8) the sister, Ted gave support
13. Much progress made by Princess

Fiona in Shrek (6)
14. Sad to mistreat ugly amphibians
16. Disorderly peers love to miss
16. Disorderly peer
alarm call ( 9 )
18. Mature bands categorised by how
old they are $(3,6)$
20. Racecourse ruins coast (5)
22. Wagon hitched to the Spanish
24. bloc (6)
24. Something left out? Ring space
flight (8)

## MONSTER FIND-A-WORD

STEPHEN KING
Find all the words listed hidden in the grid of letters. The listed words relating to this successful yarn-spinner can be found in the grid. Cross them off to reveal his advice to would-be wordsmiths They can be found in straight lines up, down, forwards, backwards or even diagonally. The leftover letters will reveal the mystery answer.



[^0]27. Retreat holding tie (8)
28. A long time to be a deck say (6)
29. cultured product from grout? Why disturb it? (6)
30. Bulletin to be presented by fres crew around September 1st (8)

Down

1. Entice act after cooking tart (7)
2. Tear inset out and put original . Tear inset our
3. Noblemen put up in a fight (5) 5. No pain mentioned in annal? Gee, Zia! (9) Arrives and increases volume (5,2)
4. Leaders eventually nominated
writer Deighton (3)
5. Hugh calls for shade (3)
6. Almost sure ter in The Robe (4)
7. China deal involving Mexican
dish (9) eftover letters will reveal the mystery answer.

[^0]:    18. Cunning method of making a curved entrance (7)
    19. Identical sort of seam (4)
    20. Sun-bronzed man on divergent course (7)
    21. Rodent is erratic when Eric's not around (3)
    22. Treads on stairs (5)
    23. Might Mary drop third party? (3)
