

June 2023 - Find the Theme

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A crossword puzzle grid with 15 columns and 15 rows. The grid contains 114 numbered starting points for words. The numbers are: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114. The grid is partially filled with black squares, and the remaining squares are empty circles.

ACROSS

1	Spoiled kid
5	Rhode Island city where JFK and Jacqueline married in 1953, where Bob Dylan went electric in 1965
12	Ohm x Amp. unit
16	Move to a new city, for short
17	Not be indifferent to
19	World's 10th longest river (2824 km) flowing from the Argun river to the Sea of Okhotsk. It forms the border between Russia and China.
20	Terse telephone answering word in Quebec
21	Of North America, Europe or Asia, etc., or a style of breakfast
23	Repeated word in Doris Day's song "Que ____, ____" (What will be, will be)
24	Nothing to write home about
26	Well planned
28	Sluggishness
29	[not my mistake] in a quotation
32	Act of climbing or scaling a fortification, or French for mountaineering
33	The "Queen of Jazz" Fitzgerald
34	Heavy weather event
36	School type that includes primary and secondary grades, for short
37	Ewe's mate
38	The earth makes about 365 of them about its axis each year
41	Prov. between Man. and Que.
43	Tu ____ (You will see)
45	Grassland region, sounding like the city in Georgia where 102-Down is based
46	Advertisement from a jeans company that once had a factory in North Bay, Ont.
48	Enumeration of things to do or buy
49	L' ____ Triomphe (Paris landmark)
51	Viruses and bacteria, for example
53	Variant spelling for one of two boards used to ride down a snowy slope
55	Smartphone download
56	Vertical folds in some pants and skirts
57	Morgan Stanley subsidiary offering online self-serve brokerage
59	Caboose's place
60	Anti-anti
61	The sun or Sirius, for example
62	Saxophone one size smaller than Tenor
63	Donkey
64	Atom needing to consult the Electron Lost & Found desk?
65	Adds vodka to the punch
68	Polish conductor Rodzinski and polish-american pianist Rubinstein
70	Apiary dweller
71	Close horse race victory margin
73	Protein-building type of acid
74	Eleanor Roosevelt memoir " ____ Remember"
75	The best selling FPS videogame franchise ever: " ____ of Duty"
76	Subatomic particle that sounds a bit like the French word for "house"
78	Beirut's country
80	Word in NDP, LPC and CPC
82	Nickname hidden in "disturbing"
83	Poet Samuel Taylor ____ who wrote "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner" and "Kubla Khan"
85	Lager brewed by Molson-Coors in Etobicoke, for short, that sounds like a BlueJays player's first name
86	Hang ____ your hats!
88	Horse with white patches or a bean popular in Mexican cuisine
89	Hwys, especially in the US
91	Royal daughter
95	Tiny golf peg or casual shirt
96	Cecil Scott (C.S.) ____ who wrote the Horatio Hornblower series, and whose novels "The African Queen", "The Good Shepherd" and "Greyhound" were adapted to film
100	Cassanova, for example
102	Lacked, as in "I ____ ' ____ time to..."
103	American shoe brand with a name that evokes flight
104	Old steam-ship style with rotating paddles that are not at the stern
108	Opera solo
109	Noble gas that glows brightly in an electric field
110	Theme of the puzzle: What the circled answers have in common. Thankfully 28-Across is not one
111	Initialized supermarkets, related to Sobeys, now operating primarily in Quebec
112	Units of speed used by pilots and sailors (abbr.)
113	Guitarist Carlos with 2 Grammys (1988, 2003) and the Billboard Lifetime Achievement Award (2009)
114	Corporal or Major, for example

DOWN	
1	Street fight or melee
2	Civil War Confederate general _ . _ . _ . , no relation to the jeans brand mentioned in 46-Across
3	2022 film "Everything, Everywhere, _____ Once", winner of 7 Academy Awards including Best Picture
4	Became more encouraged
5	First Lady to Ronald
6	Romain de Tirtoff, French art deco designer with this pseudonym based on the French pronunciation of his initials
7	Chinese dynasty after the Han, that sounds like a method or route to follow
8	Skillet or shallow pot
9	UK honour initials declined by David Bowie but accepted by J.K. Rowling
10	Politician DeSantis and filmmaker Howard, to name two
11	All of Italy
12	Applies a particular brand of petroleum jelly
13	Alpha's opposite
14	Gruesome, as in "Spare me the _____ details"
15	Faint sign
17	Mountain lion
18	Former NBC executive, then president of ABC Entertainment Jamie _____, whose name is an anagram of "assert"
21	Sagan of "Cosmos"
22	Lanthanum chloride's unsurprising abbreviation
25	Actress Hayek of "House of Gucci" and "Frida", for which she was nominated for the Best Actress Oscar
27	Resort lake straddling the Nevada/California border near Reno
29	Wooden strips from which barrels are made
30	Tiny amount, or the 9th letter of the Greek alphabet
31	How some teens see their parents' behaviour: _____ -worthy
34	German city
35	Painter Claude _____ who coined the term "Impressionism" with his "Impression, soleil levant"
37	Answers, or at least reactions
39	OK to a ham or a pilot
40	Telling, as a story
42	Soak oneself in a tub of warm water
43	Locale reserved for big shots
44	Remnant of an evaporated body of water, as found in Death Valley
46	Psychedelic "voyage" advocated by Timothy Leary in the 1960s
47	How Tokyo is populated
48	Répentigny rabbit
50	Next step after a missed shot
52	Bad, to Brutus
54	Henry and Clara Jane Ford's only child
56	Additional notes after the signature in letters
58	Greek goddess of dawn
66	Having full form, from latin for "fully", but spelled backwards!
67	Phrase of acceptance or resignation (3 wds)
68	During the evening or later (informal spelling) (2 wds)
69	Flowering shrub of the heath family: _____ dendron
72	Tallinn residents
75	Either of the intersecting lines in a gunsight
77	1/16th of a pound [I had to look this up!]
79	Thomas who composed "Rule Britannia" or his son Michael who composed 9 operas including "Cymon"
81	As red as _____
83	Of outer space
84	Wears away
87	Thomas Hardy's novel "_____ of the d'Urbervilles: A Pure Woman"
90	Media mogul Ted who founded CNN and TBS, abbreviated sans vowels
91	Pirate's capital punishment: walk the _____
92	Bird in the title of a famous Edgar Allan Poe poem
93	Stupid person, as in the ironic Dostoevsky novel title, with "The"
94	As _____ can be (could not be more heartbroken)
96	LePage's Poly _____ plaster brand, handy for quick wall repairs after a wild party
97	Italian for "license plate", or the endurance auto race held near Palermo, Sicily: _____ Florio
98	Big name in premium French mineral water that, if spelled backwards, implies its customers are credulous
99	Inquire again
101	The largest tributary of the Tiber, named the opposite of "blanca"
102	Require (spelled backwards!), or Savannah-based TV chef Paula _____
105	Vowelless abbreviation for adult female person(s)
106	Caliente in English
107	Riding association of a political party in Canada (abbr.)