

The Meta Crossword

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ACROSS

1. Amex alternative
5. Pooh, Baloo, or Boo-Boo
9. Shows sorrow
14. Mideast sultanate with a one-time capital in Zanzibar
15. "50 First Dates" setting
16. D.C.-to-Boston service
17. Meta component (prefix meaning quick + unit of mass)
19. One of several to be expelled in a cleanse
20. Girl scout's peanut butter sandwich
21. Wall St. takeover, briefly
23. Halloween mos.
24. Make a note, with "down"
25. Meta component (visage + tome)
27. Spread with tortillas, beans, rice, pico-de-gallo, and more!
31. Texter's toodle-oo
32. Bit of fortune
33. Early Mesoamerican
36. Suffix with mod- or nod-
39. Old man, to Otto
40. Meta component (mission)
41. Four Corners state: Abbr.
42. M.L.B.'s "The Halos", on scoreboards
43. Not a fan
44. _____ Nast
45. Excited interjection
47. Exposed, in a way
49. Meta component (whos and whys go-with + brief first course)
53. Sch. start, colloquially

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| 54. Thing with a string | 6. End of a grin, in phrase | 37. Bad thing to bury |
| 55. Strasbourg street | 7. "Two and _____ Men" | 38. Struck out |
| 56. Charles I or Charles II, but not Charles III | 8. Cuban concoction | 40. 2022 FIFA World Cup host |
| 60. Scratches | 9. "Now where was _____?" | 41. Like this crossword's theme, probably |
| 62. Meta component (the "m" of mRNA) | 10. Shaggy dog? | 43. Santa shouts |
| 64. Author Zora _____ Hurston | 11. Output for Dr. Ruth and Dan Savage | 44. 100 singles |
| 65. Sound heard near a spittoon | 12. Justice since 2006 | 46. Eight-time Best Actor Oscar nominee...who never won |
| 66. Wearing one's skin sweater | 13. Danish, to the Danish | 48. Adelaide inhabitant |
| 67. Greenskeeper's necessity | 18. One providing Acrobat support? | 49. Last name that sounds like it finishes first |
| 68. Kemo _____ | 22. Arachnid appendages or Solar System planets | 50. Boo-_____ (sobbed) |
| 69. Excited interjection | 26. "You get the picture," for short | 51. Inflation creators |
- DOWN**
1. Word with null
 2. "Well, _____ expert...."
 3. Show a little cheek?
 4. Meta answer to this crossword, e.g.
 5. South American city with Simón Bolívar Park