

The Saturday Miscellany

HOW TO... SEW

By Oscar Quine

"You do not need to have spent your formative years at your mother's knee watching as she sewed," says Stuart Hillard, semi-finalist on the first series of 'The Great British Sewing Bee', in 2013.



"Preparation and accuracy are key. Make sure fabrics and paper patterns are wrinkle-free. Use sharp dressmakers' scissors, cut and sew accurate seams, mark them with a pencil if you need to; use pins, sew slowly, and unpick your stitches if things go wrong."



"Use good-quality fabrics and thread. Great sewing is like great cooking: use good-quality ingredients, treat them simply and let that quality shine. Expensive buttons make everything look better."



"Start simply and build your skills. Don't offer to make a friend's wedding dress as your first project. Start with something straightforward, do it well and bask in the praise of your non-sewing peers."



CHRIS MAUME THE QUIZ

Answers on p52

1
The father of which singer and songwriter, who released an album last month, fought in the First World War?

2
What did Eugene Cernan do in 1972 that 10 people had done before him and none have done since?

3
In which Booker Prize-winning

novel does the F-word appear around 4,000 times?

4
What was called the Executive Mansion until 1901?

5
Gault Millau, Zagat Survey and Gambero Rosso are all what?

6
Which 'Carry On' actor was Oscar-nomi-

nated in the Best Original Song category?

7
Which sports figure has been described by a biographer as "a street Machiavelli, a ghetto Einstein"?

8
"The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that..." does what, in the 1865 poem by WR Wallace?

9
Launched in 1980, what was the first computer to sell for under £100?

10
In 1997, Alan Ayckbourn became the first playwright to be knighted since whom in 1970?

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ROTATING COLUMN TYPE POSITIVE

By Will Dean



Two of this year's biggest books – Eimear McBride's slow-burn bestseller *A Girl is a Half-Formed Thing* and Lena Dunham's fast-burn *Not That Kind of Girl* – share more than just a word in their title.

Both feature a similar curlicue font and a typography which dominates their covers and have echoes of Seventies-style paperback design – and in Dunham's case, at least, a hint of similar essay collections by the likes of Gloria Steinheim and Helen Gurley Brown. Both follow Danielle

Pender's *Riposte* magazine, an acclaimed biannual about women, created in response to the state of mainstream women's glossies which also employs text-only covers inspired by a 1950 copy of *National Geographic*. Here, the power of type – rather than pictures – fuels the ideas within. They also look pretty cool.

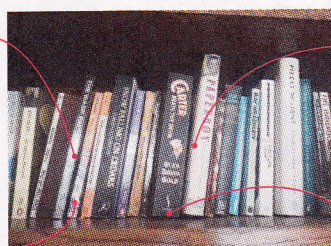
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SHELFIES

JOANNE HARRIS

'The Loneliness of the Long-Distance Time Traveller' (£1.99, BBC Books)

'The Wasp Factory' by Iain Banks. "Funny and bleak, with an unreliable narrator to rule them all..."



'R is for Rocket' by Ray Bradbury. "Bought when I was only eight. I've always loved Bradbury's energy and his lyricism."

'Paperboy' by Christopher Fowler. "Memoir of growing up in the East End during the Sixties, surrounded by books and comics."

'Carter Beats the Devil' by Glen David Gold. "Marvellous novel of smoke and mirrors, filled with illusions."

DEAR ELLEN

INSTANT ETHICS



Q I borrowed a friend's tatty and old – but designer – jumper and accidentally put it in the dryer and wrecked it. He wants £120 to replace it. Fair?

A You're getting off cheaply.

I'd have charged you twice that for a jumper from Primark (that's £3.99 to replace it, plus £236.99 for emotional distress caused). Next time, buy your own jumper. @MsEllenEJones

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You do the math

"The diverse spectrum of links between mathematics and all art is not unexpected. Mathematics is the catalogue of all possible patterns – this explains its utility and its ubiquity."

FROM '100 ESSENTIAL THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT MATHS AND THE ARTS' BY JOHN D BARROW (£10, BODLEY HEAD)

FOUR PLAY

Space missions given Greek names

APOLLO
↓
GEMINI
↓
MERCURY
↓
TESS

*NASA LAUNCHED APOLLO 7, TODAY IN 1968

WHAT?

THEN

NOW

NEXT?

Piers Morgan employers

CNN

Daily Mail

Breitbart?

Ukip defectors

Douglas Carswell

Mark Reckless

Gary Barlow?

Conspiracy theorists

David Icke

Richard D James

Gloria Hunniford?

Indiscreet memoirists

Alan Clark

Lord Bell

Prince Andrew?

