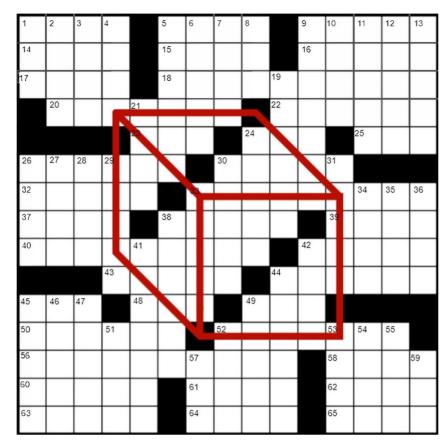
The Power of Three

The answer to this meta is four letters long.

Across

- 1. Do some shooting
- **5.** Fishy instrument
- 9. Hardly hungry
- **14.** "Why would ?"
- 15. " __ by with a little help from my friends ..."
- **16.** Lineal descendant, in legalese
- 17. 20 quires of paper
- 18. Becoming tiresome
- 20. Bad vibes?
- 22. Brought up
- 23. City near Tokyo
- **24.** Suffix with Faust or Freud
- **25.** "r u ___?" (texter's "Really?")
- **26.** Hank and others
- **30.** "Murder, She Wrote" cove
- **32.** Artist's apron
- **33.** A bunch of steps
- **37.** In a glass by itself
- **38.** Make like Sinatra
- 39. Daughter of Chaos
- **40.** Trinkets on trees
- **42.** Adjusted to, as a thermostat
- **43.** "__ Theme" from "Doctor Zhivago"
- 44. High-ranking angel
- **45.** Between EST and MST
- **48.** Pince
- **49.** Kennedy or Lincoln, e.g.
- **50.** The perfect spot
- **52.** High-minded individual



- **56.** Revolutionary invention
- **58.** Pasta, in product names
- 60. Noir opposite
- **61.** Spell starter
- **62.** School attended by Orwell
- **63.** Scottish terriers
- **64.** 1969 Philip K. Dick novel
- **65.** The way to go when you can't tell which way to go

Down

- 1. Douglas or Oregon
- **2.** Duke Ellington's "__ a Song Go Out of My Heart"
- **3.** Terrible witness
- **4.** Word coined by Richard Dawkins
- 5. Discriminating types
- **6.** Euclidean square?
- 7. Half-dozen, to Jorge
- **8.** RR stop
- 9. Chihuahua assent

- **10.** "The Thin Man" barker
- 11. Despots of old
- **12.** He was good at 36D and had a brick named after him
- 13. Title pages
- 19. "Hold tight!"
- **21.** Defective detective
- **24.** "Othello" villain and "Aladdin" parrot
- **26.** 'It comes ___ surprise... '
- **27.** Part of NAFTA
- **28.** Horsey hue
- **29.** Base 8
- **30.** Heparin targets
- **31.** Detroit ballplayer
- **33.** "Babalu" bandleader
- **34.** "Au revoir!"
- **35.** Two types of computer memory: the stack and the ____

- **36.** Fermat forte
- 38. Life in a box, say
- **41**. Nuts
- **42.** Intravenous fluids
- **44.** Barely move
- 45. Arrests
- **46.** Celery unit
- **47.** "Hare ___, goon tomorrow" (moral of Little Bunny Foo Foo)
- **49.** Martian atmosphere feature
- **51.** Long
- **52.** Any of the Bee Gees
- **53.** "I Love Lucy" landlord
- **54.** Slangy snapshot
- 55. "...there are evils
 __to darken all his
 goodness" Shakespeare
- **57.** Pi doubled
- **59.** Country quarters