

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

