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Across

- 1** Article of seating furniture for relaxed, informal gathering
4 Sinister political system involving violent seizure and maintenance of power and the creation of a totalitarian slave state
11 City in Texas and scene in 1993 of violent subjugation of Branch Davidian sect by FBI
12 Elizabeth Regina *or* Ernst Röhm (initials)
13 Office held by Karol Józef Wojtyła, Joseph Aloisius Ratzinger, Jorge Mario Bergoglio, and Earl Pulvermacher
14 Richard Loeb *or* Ricki Lake *or* Ralph Lauren (initials)
16 Bereft of strength, intensity or interest; bland, dull, insipid, lifeless
18 Muhammad, Ayaan Hirsi, Chemical
19 Famous French author (*Dialogue entre un prêtre et un moribund* etc.)
22 Ariel Sharon *or* Aaron Spelling (initials)
23 German for I (“Wenn ... das Wort Kultur höre, dann entschehere... meinen Browning”)
24 Ronald Ryan *or* Roland Rocchiccioli (initials)

Down

- 1** Irreparable spiritual ruin, eternal damnation
2 Delightful Irish author and wit (“One would have to have a heart of stone not to laugh at the death of Little Nell” etc.) sentenced in 1895 to two years with hard labour for gross indecency. Pardoned in 2017 (initials)
3 Islamic term meaning annihilation of self in God
4 Concealed, secret, clandestine
5 The devil in mediaeval folklore to whom Doktor Faustus sold his soul
6 Extremely unpleasant medical investigation
7 Norm Potter (initials)
8 Israeli Occupation Archive (initials)
9 Troubled American poet driven to suicide by insensitive poet laureate husband (with first initial please) (1, 5)
10 “Whoever has three things is beloved of God: the first is riddance of possessions, the second, of friends and the third is riddance of self” Celebrated German theologian and mystic ?1260-?1327 (7, 7)
15 Unrestrained, promiscuous sexuality

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Across

- 25** Modernist sculptor (*Fountain*, 1917) (1, 4)
28 Provocative term (*Al Nakba* in Arabic) used widely in Arab world to refer to the foundation in 1948 of the state of Israel (3, 11)
32 Influenza epidemic (initials)
33 “We must kill them. We must incinerate them. Pig after pig. Cow after cow. Village after village. Army after army” 1979 counter-culture classic with Marlon Brando as way cool rogue Green Beret colonel (initials)
34 One in a set of steps permitting access to different levels in a building
35 Piece of choral music with religious theme
36 Famous Italian poet with GF Beatrice
38 ¥ (initials)
39 Addictive, stultifying thing like religion
41 Unkind term for a person who goes to work whilst colleagues are on strike
44 Who plays feisty teenager Felicity “Flick” Scully on *Neighbours*? (initials)
45 City in Central Russia
46 Veteran John Waters actress born Nancy Paine but known as Mink
47 Popular African American hair do
48 Macabre nick-name of Iraqi general Ali Hassan al-Majid (8, 3)
51 Louis Althusser *or* Loni Anderson (initials)
52 Mountainous island off west coast of Italy where Napoleon was in exile in 1814-15
53 Poetic way to say over
54 Disastrous first manifestation of 4 across
56 Disturbed Austrian sculptor (1736-83) known for nightmarish “character heads” depicting extreme emotional states (with first initial please)

Down

- 17** Enormously influential French philosopher and author of *Writing and Difference*, *Speech and Phenomena* and *Of Grammatology*, a foundational text for deconstructive criticism about which Noam Chomsky wrote, “I found the scholarship appalling, based on pathetic misreading; and the argument, such as it was, failed to come close to the kinds of standards I’ve been familiar with since virtually childhood.”
20 *Monkees* classic (“She told me that she loved me and like a fool I believed her from the start” etc.) (Also ripping H. Ryder Haggard story about beautiful, white 2,000-year-old sorceress queen ruling over natives in Africa)
21 Caustic substance used to clean blocked drains
26 Stirring 1969 anti-war rally in Melbourne organized by Jim Cairns
27 *Carry On ... the Khyber* 1968 English film starring Kenneth Williams as The Khasi of Kalibar (and Charles Hawtry as Private James Widdle etc.)
29 Network of tunnels under Rome with graves of early Christians
30 Australian counterpart to MI6, FBI, KGB, Mossad etc.
31 Thomas Aquinas *or* Tex Avery (initials)
37 Mysterious captain of submarine *Nautilus* in *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*
40 1982 Toto album with *Africa*
41 An upright stone slab decorated with figures or commemorative inscriptions common in ancient world
42 False name assumed to disguise identity (Sebastian Melmoth, Carlos the Jackal), perpetrate fraud (Helen Demidenko, Benjamin Wilkomirski) or enhance showbiz career (Gary Glitter, Snoop Doggy Dog etc.)
43 Who plays adorable teenager Haley Smith on *Home and Away*? (first name only please)
44 The eldest son of Noah and ancestor of the Semites
47 Frédéric Lemaître *or* Fred Leuchter (initials)
49 Music genre for mature age fans (*Doobie Brothers*, *Eagles*, *Hall & Oates*, *Toto* etc.)
50 A curve or curved (narrative) trajectory
51 Hallucinogenic drug associated with Timothy Leary and Bert Newton
55 Saint Ignatius (initials)