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Across

- 1** Celebrated contemporary painter known for arresting work on broken plates and working outdoors on colossal scale in voluminous shorts
- 8** Trailblazing magazine known for pioneering centrefold and racy sealed section
- 9** Negative influence on *Beatles*
- 10** Eighteenth century art style associated with final years of ancien régime
- 12** Where did old roomies George Pell and Gerald Ridsdale meet up in 2020? (2, 6)
- 14** New *Haim* track (Hamas tunnel) (initials)
- 15** Saddam Hussein or Sam Harris or Shemp Howard (initials)
- 16** In addition; as well; also; more than enough; superfluously; overly; to a higher degree than is desirable, possible or permissible; to a regrettable extent etc.
- 17** Dangerous holiday destination (in west Africa)
- 19** Melbourne hardware magnate with store at 387-391 Bourke Street prior to takeover by Bunnings
- 21** One of race of subterranean, gold-obsessed, miner dwarfs with plan to dominate world in celebrated tetralogy of Richard Wagner

Down

- 1** Town in Pennsylvania associated with steel and Joe Biden
- 2** Youngest of three Fates in Greek mythology who spins thread of life being drawn out and cut by sisters Lachesis and Atropos respectively
- 3** Sacrifice to gods in ancient Greece involving immolation of one hundred oxen hence the name
- 4** Glamorous queen of Jordan
- 5** A rough, ill-mannered, uncouth, obnoxious or belligerent person (mainly male)
- 6** *Einstürzende Neubauten* or Ernst Nolte or *Endless Night* (initials)
- 7** *Fear and ... in Las Vegas: A Savage Journey to the Heart of the American Dream* 1971 hipster classic by Hunter S. Thompson
- 11** Mountainous, high holy place associated with Prophet Elijah and contest with four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal (also four hundred prophet of Asherah) culminating in slaughter of idolaters in accordance with injunction of Exodus 20:22: "He that sacrificeth unto *any* god, save unto the LORD only, he shall be utterly destroyed"
- 13** Christ-like lion in C. S. Lewis books known for ultimate sacrifice to save unpleasant schoolboy Edmund Pevensie (and rising from dead)
- 18** A white unicorn (initials)
- 20** Romantic heroine of beloved gothic novel ("My love for Heathcliff resembles the eternal rocks beneath - a source of little visible delight, but necessary. Nelly, I am Heathcliff - he's always, always in my mind - not as a pleasure, any more than I am always a pleasure to myself - but as my own being") (initials)