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Across

- 1 Greatly loved African American R&B artists from Queens (*Push It* etc.) (4, 1, 4)
- 9 Je ... moi non plus Controversial 1967 love song by Serge Gainsbourg and Jane Birkin banned from radio in Spain, Sweden, Brazil, Italy, UK and France (before 11.00 PM)
- 10 Iconic French pen
- 11 Iconic English publisher
- 13 Iconic hotel on corner of Nicholson and Scotchmer Streets, North Fitzroy
- 15 Inexorable, invasive, creeping entity known for taking over backyards in Brunswick
- 16 Roman Polanski *or* Richard Pratt or Rose Porteous *or* Rupert Pupkin (initials)
- 17 Brad Pitt *or* big pineapple (initials)
- 18 Sunni Islam (initials)
- 19 Adam Troy or Alan Turing (initials)
- 20 Famous orchestra (Evil Woman, Livin' Thing, Xanadu etc.)
- 21 US daredevil motorcyclist known for jumps over buses, shark tank, fountains at Caesar's Palace and Snake River Canyon (in rocket powered Skycycle X-2) in 70s (with unusual first name) (last name)
- 22 Acclaimed Egyptian singer of "Golden Age" in 40s second only in popularity to Umm Kulthum (first name)
- 24 I am ian (initials)
- 25 Collection of poignant short pieces by James Joyce published in 1914 including *Araby* and *The Dead*

Down

- 1 Famous "effect" wherein the end result of objecting to something and trying to prevent it (often by tortuous and costly means) is much, *much* worse than the thing itself
- Initials shared by celebrated authors of disparate texts To Have Done with the Judgement of God, Spirits Rejoice, Antmusic and Bad Boy for Love
- 3 Indispensable cosmetic (in handbag)
- 4 Terry Malloy *or* Tony Monaro *or* Tony Montana *or* Ted Mulry *or* The Monkees (initials)
- Egyptian queen and consort of monotheistic Akhenaten depicted in haunting bust in Berlin
- 6 Recedes, decreases, declines, flows away
- 7 Apple, Four'n Twenty, Stargazey, American etc.
- B Elevated, rocky, flat-topped platform in Athens and site of greatest human creation to date
- 12 Cause of death of Cleopatra
- 14 Death of Icelandic chieftain Olaf Hoskuldsson known as the Peacock due to his proud bearing and magnificent wardrobe (in Roman numerals)
- 17 Made dim, blurred, indistinct or misty by fatique or tears
- 19 Neurotically neat (ironic neologism)
- 20 "I got some money in my pocket, I got the car keys in my hand / I got myself a couple of tickets, to see a rock 'n' rollin' band etc.") Moving ballad by Stevie Wright (in three parts)
- 21 Sinister former employer of Vladmir Putin and Kim Philby
- 23 Numberplate on Rolls of villain played by Gert Fröbe in 1964 Bond film continuing pervasive gold theme