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## Across

- 1** Scary setting of terrifying story where Noddy is mugged by golliwogs, Golly, Woggie and N\*\*\*\*\* stealing his car and all his clothes in controversial 1953 Enid Blyton book *Here Comes Noddy Again* (3, 4, 4, 4)
- 13** Ninja delivery girl girlfriend of Scott Pilgrim in 00s Canadian slacker graphic novel classic
- 14** Best known Ethiopian princess in opera
- 15** US cartoonist best known for long-running comic strip depicting colourful inhabitants of Dogpatch (2, 4)
- 16** Best known homicidal taxidermist in movies (initials)
- 18** Arthur Rylah *or* Ayn Rand (initials)
- 19** Transformative premier of South Australia remembered for abolition of death penalty, decriminalization of homosexuality, end of White-Australia policy and shorts (initials)
- 20** Dark, woody fragrance with earthy spiciness of papyrus and black pepper created by Billie Eilish (in arresting curvaceous bottle) (2, 1)
- 21** Delicious light lunch (UK)
- 26** Merged, united, amalgamated, combined
- 29** Getting to know, understand or become comfortable with something
- 33** Global reality franchise (American, Australian, Arab, *Deutschland sucht den Superstar* etc.) with formula including acerbic, curmudgeon “villain” judge (Simon Cowell, Ian “Dicko” Dickson etc.)
- 34** Mixed up movie from *Doctor* series with Dirk Bogarde as Dr. Simon Sparrow, James Robertson Justice as irascible ship’s captain Wentworth-Hogg and Brigitte Bardot as chanteuse love interest (ending in romantic dénouement and least convincing screen kiss of 50s)
- 35** Zionist entity (initials)
- 36** Delicious Viennese delicacy featured in prolonged scene in café in Quentin Tarantino’s *Inglourious Basterds* known for unbearable tension
- 38** M. Edgar Varèse (initials)

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- 39** Destination in southwest of Brigham Young and Mormon pioneers in 1850s inc. three African slaves justified by biblical curse of Noah on descendants of Canaan (Africa) for transgression of father Ham
- 40** Musical chord created by omitting major (or minor) third while adding perfect fourth resulting in feeling of unresolvedness such as in *Maiden Voyage* by Herbie Hancock or *Venus* by *Shocking Blue*
- 41** Martini, Signoret, de Beauvoir, Warne etc.
- 43** Islamic year (initials)
- 45** Take, grab, steal, apprehend for wrongdoing
- 46** Getting used to something
- 53** *The Others* (initials)
- 54** Japanese delicacy enjoyed grilled with sweet sauce (involving unspeakable cruelty to eel)
- 55** Make receptive to or aware of the meaning or vibe of something
- 56** Powerful emetic associated with bulimia and nightmarish “Jackass” culture (on YouTube)
- 57** Small-statured son of Biblical Tobit depicted walking with angel Raphael (unaware he is an angel despite large wings which he cannot see) in baffling story about catching a large fish (or possibly crocodile) in Tigris to cure blindness of father (by rubbing gall on eyes)
- 59** Initials shared by famous authors of gloomy texts *The Decline of the West* and *Platoon*
- 60** ... .. Paolo (short flight from spectacular coastal city to most populous urban centre to south in Brazil)
- 62** “To ... or not to ...” Famous line from *Hamlet*
- 63** “Thou’lt come no more. ...., ...., ...., ...., ....” Moving line from *King Lear*
- 9** “Continuation of policy by other means” (Von Clausewitz), “Huh, yeah, what is it good for? Absolutely nothing, uhh, say it again you’ll etc.” (Edwin Starr)
- 10** Coarse way of getting someone’s attention used as anthem chant in *T.N.T.* by *AC/DC*
- 11** “How ... of God to choose the Jews” Antisemitic witticism from 1920s with witty rejoinders inc. “Not ... of God, goyim annoy’im” etc.
- 12** English fairy painter committed for killing father in 1866 believing him to be the Devil in disguise
- 17** Fallen angel (not Moloch, Chemosh, Dagon, Azazel, Beelzebub, Abaddon, Asmodeus, Mammon or Lucifer)
- 18** Murder of prominent figure (Franz Ferdinand, JFK, Ismail Haniyeh, Hassan Nasrallah etc.) cf. unknown person (Ali Sa’ed Muhammad Dawabsheh, Hind Rajab, Reem etc., etc., etc.)
- 22** Best-selling Israeli model, activist, actress (*Nip/Tuck*, *NCIS* etc.) author and apologist for state terror (see above) (*Israel: A Simple Guide to the Most Misunderstood Country on Earth*) (first name)
- 23** Name shared by deposed, last Shah of Iran and colourful northern suburb on Mernda line
- 24** Celebrated Chinese American architect best known for arresting inverted pyramid structure at Louvre with secret compartment for remains of Mary Magdalen
- 25** Money esp. when regarded as sordid, distasteful or gained in a dishonourable way (Biblical) (3, 5)
- 27** *Canto XXXII* (initials)
- 28** Group of twelve (such as Charles Bronson, John Cassavetes, Jim Brown, Donald Sutherland, Trini López, Clint Walker, Tom Busby, Ben Carruthers, Stuart Cooper, Colin Maitland, Al Mancini and Telly Savalas (as Maggot))
- 30** Latin term indicating year increasingly eschewed to avoid offense to non-Christian community
- 31** Pertaining to law revealed on Mount Sinai (read written by Levites in Babylon)
- 32** See 63 across
- 37** Tight-fitting, fabric covering hair worn in African American communities signifying gang membership and criminality
- 38** Intriguing, non-orientable, two-dimensional surface with only one side when embedded in three-dimensional Euclidean space (named after German mathematician inventor of famous strip)
- 42** Inscrutable, Egyptian leader of 9-11 hijackers (alleged) (with first initial)
- 47** Thicket or grove of small trees
- 48** What do Nicolas Godin and Jean-Benoît Dunckel have in common? They are both ... .. (2, 3)

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- 49** Region of France in baffling exchange in *Waiting for Godot* (“But you were there yourself, in the ... country.” “No, I was never in the ... country! I’ve puked my puke of a life away here, I tell you! Here! In the Cackon country!”)
- 50** Largely forgotten Soviet cosmonaut and second person (after Yuri Gagarin) to orbit earth on Vostok 2 in 1961
- 51** Legendary kosher deli proprietor with iconic store at 2245 Broadway, NYC (since 1934)
- 52** ... *Liberty* (Mill), ... *the Buses* (Varney)
- 58** Japanese actor idolized by Australian school children for role of Shintaro in *The Samurai* (associated with backyard injuries involving homemade, beer can top star knives) in 60s
- 61** *The Exorcist* (initials)
- 62** Spectral actor known for most famous role in Swedish cinema (initials)