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- 20** Strange, peculiar, unusual, uncanny
21 Member of Norse seafaring people which conquered northern England in 8th century
26 Queen of Carthage who killed herself after being deserted by Trojan hero Anaeas (to found Rome)
27 US writer known for novels set in seedy demimonde (*The Man with the Golden Arm* etc.) and affair with Simone de Beauvoir (initials)
30 Before (Raphaelite Brotherhood, Columbian, marital sex etc.)
31 Hodegetria image (initials)
32 Alexander Pope *or* American Psycho (initials)
33 Islamic University (initials)

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Across

- 1** Semitic deity associated with child sacrifice
7 Clean floor using implement of same name
10 Solemnly renounce a belief, cause or claim
11 Exclamation of delight
12 Red Square *or* Richard Simmons (initials)
13 US singer known as "The Velvet Fog"
15 Famous Elvis backing band (with lightning bolt "flash" on jewelry)
17 Muslim African-American R&B singer with stage name meaning "Sovereign (or Saviour) Zig-Zag Allah" (from Supreme Alphabet of Clarence 13X) (after 1963 split with Nol)
18 Pathological liar *or* Peter Lorre (initials)
19 Turbulent Communist country lead by Josip Broz (Tito) in post WW2 period since broken into six separate states after bitter internecine wars of 1990s
22 Ronald Ryan (initials)
23 Dennis Wilson (initials)
24 Various, assorted, diverse, disparate, sundry unconnected (abbrev.)
25 Semi industrial, working class suburb six km west of Melbourne presently undergoing rapid gentrification
28 *Kit ... Klub*
29 Plunder, pillage, the violent seizure of property in a devastating attack
31 Adorable Palestinian American model with boyfriend Zayne
34 Richard Nixon *or* Ricky Nelson (initials)
35 Flamboyant French sculptor represented in many international collections including National Gallery of Victoria (*La mort du Père*, 1968)

Down

- 1** People whose violent deaths are regarded as having occurred in the defense or service of a religious doctrine or conflict (Saint Thomas à Becket, Ali Saad Dawabsha etc.)
2 Unclear, abstruse, esoteric, arcane, gnomic, recondite, cryptic, Delphic
3 LaToya Jackson (initials)
4 Expose secret sexuality of someone
5 An interesting and educational pastime (*Ian's Book of ...*)
6 Jewish Hungarian journalist who rejected the idea of emancipation and assimilation for the Jews of 19th century Europe in favour of separation from humanity in a supremacist, ethnic, colonial-settler state in the Middle East (outlined in *Der Judenstaat* in 1896)
7 Greatly loved US comedian born Moses Harry Horwitz in timeless trio with brothers Jerome and Samuel (and friend Larry Fine)
8 Operation Overlord *or* Ossie Ostrich (initials)
9 "Sanctify unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast: it is mine"
 Cuboid box of black leather strapped to arm and forehead by orthodox Jews during prayer containing fragments of parchment inscribed with strangely morbid passages from Torah
14 Respectful form of address for a woman who is older or more important than you
16 Barry Gibb *or* Bryant Gumble (initials)
18 Name given to Cantos LXXIV-LXXXIV of Ezra Pound begun during detention in outdoor cage (on toilet paper) after arrest for treason in Italy in 1945