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Across

- 1 Horrific street scene by William Hogarth depicting infanticide, madness, starvation, suicide and drunkenness in eighteenth century London (3, 4)
- 7 Celebrated authors of defining texts *Atlas Shrugged* and *Sexy Pirate Girl with Sword* (initials)
- 8 "... my honour, I saw a Madonna, standing in a niche / Above the door of the private etc." Dorothy Parker (in guestbook at San Simeon) (attrib.)
- 9 Unnamed Biblical wife in cautionary story about disobeying G-d
- 11 Harry, Niall, Louis, Zayn and Liam (vale) (initials)
- 12 ... *Baby* Arrestingly titled 1991 *U2* album
- 14 Picturesque town in Piedmont region in northeastern Italy
- 15 Greatly loved, American linguistics professor, dissident intellectual and moral compass (*Syntactic Structures*, 9-11 etc.) (first name)
- 17 Affable host born Morton Isaacson of popular Melbourne talk show from 70s known for energetic opening number with Channel Nine dancers, celebrity interviews and Bert's Wheel etc. (3, 4)

Down

- 1 Arthurian knight who found grail due to purity with special seat at Round Table known as Siege Perilous because it was fatal for anyone else to sit on it
- 2 "Her boyfriend's a d*** / and he brings a gun to school / and he'd simply kick / my a** if he knew the truth / He lives on my block / and he drives in ..." *Teenage Dirtbag*
- 3 Pertaining to water which has been blessed or otherwise prepared (with ashes of red heifer etc.) for purpose of ritual purification
- 4 Defining texts of Bret Easton Ellis and Tim Burstall (initials)
- 5 Who did Fox Mulder trust (in 90s)? (2-3)
- 6 One-act, absurdist play by Samuel Beckett with Hamm, Clov Nagg and Nell unwatchable due to nightmarish bleakness
- 10 Sharp, pointed outgrowth on stem of plant to deter animals from eating it used poetically to convey a painful, ongoing affliction such as suffered by St. Paul in 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 "in the flesh" and experienced as "the messenger of Satan" suggesting nervous illness
- 13 ... *gumma* 1969 *Pink Floyd* album known for cover art with photo of band in endless recursive Droste effect
- 16 *Iced Vo...* Iconic biscuit topped with two strips of pink fondant flanking a strip of raspberry jam and sprinkled with coconut (associated with Kevin Rudd)