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Across

- 1 Whose book of crosswords are you doing?
 4 Victory at devastating cost named after Greek king who famously said, "If we are victorious in one more battle we shall be utterly ruined"
 10 Reveal secret sexuality (Bert and Ernie etc.)
 12 13th century Icelandic literary texts
 13 Gloomy river flowing through Auschwitz
 16 Brutal sultanate on Arabian Peninsula
 18 Turgid 1968 film about horrors of English public school (with homicidal dénouement)
 19 *****no1 Login-in password of Fox Mulder
 21 Beautiful river near Aix-en-Provence
 22 Make more powerful, durable, resolute or wise
 23 Ike administration (initials)
 24 Sight, socket, sore, evil, third, *of the Tiger, Reflections in a Golden* etc.
 25 Roman Polanski *or* Rose Porteus (initials)
 26 Buddy Rich album (initials)
 28 Mr. Right *or* Mrs. Robinson (initials)
 29 ... *Hilton* Widely demonized detention centre in North Vietnam where armed combatants captured during US invasion were held
 31 Robert Quine album (initials)
 33 Giant king of Bashan delivered to Moses by blood-thirsty deity for utter destruction ("the men, women, and children, of every city") in ripping, genocidal story in Deuteronomy
 34 Martha Stewart *or* Mr. Spock (initials)
 35 Theban king killed by Oedipus at crossroads in myth about the two worst things the ancient Greeks could think of that you could ever do

- 37 "Welcome back" No. 1 US antidepressant
 39 Ishtar Gate (initials)
 40 Σαμσών ἀγωνιστής (initials)
 41 Form of energy collected in controversial "accumulator" (banned in US) in work of Austrian psychoanalyst Wilhelm Reich
 42 Popular shoes from 70s with soles made from car tires
 45 Girl's name
 46 Hot, scary Indonesian city

Down

- 1 Quality conferred by Tarnhelm in Wagner's *Der Ring des Nibelungen*
 2 Numbers (abbrev.)
 3 Nightmarish Hindu custom involving self immolation of widow on funeral pyre of husband (Sanskrit for "virtuous woman")
 5 Adjective denoting upheaval, restlessness, volatility, turbulence (from baking metaphor)
 6 "Come on a journey through genre and time" Delightful *Magic Carpet Ride* host on PBS on Sunday morning (initials)
 7 Rostered day off (initials)
 8 Villain of story of Purim in Esther hanged with his sons for thwarted plot to kill Jews of Persia during reign of Ahasuerus in precursor to modern-day zero-tolerance Israeli approach to law and order
 9 Consumed by lust

6.3 (contd.)

Down (contd.)

- 11 Sudden attack of anxiety, panic, agitation, palpitations, feelings of unreality or other nervous symptoms whilst out
 14 Evening feast after day of fasting during Ramadan
 15 Distinctive, toggle-locked, recoil-operated, semi-automatic pistol used by German army in first and second World Wars
 17 Alisa Rosenbaum *or* André Rieu (initials)
 20 Last words of mysterious ivory trader Kurtz in Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness* (also insane Green Beret colonel played by Marlon Brando in *Apocalypse Now*) (3, 6)
 25 Group targeted for removal to purify Reich along with Communists, homosexuals, Jews and other enemies of the state during Nazi era
 27 Popular Israeli name (Fuld etc.)
 28 Spectacular, mountain-top fortress in Judean desert where fanatical, proto-Zionist *Sicarii* terrorist group chose to commit mass suicide
- rather than surrender to Roman invaders in First Jewish-Roman war of 74 CE
 30 Awaiting the revelation of something with wide-eyed, excited expectation
 32 Younger son of Saddam Hussein killed with brother Uday in US airstrike characterized in Western media as a sadistic psychopath
 36 Australian TV personality known for coarse banter with co-host on *Cartoon Connection* in 90s (with obnoxious roving reporter clown Crikey)
 37 Beautiful valley in Northern Italy
 38 Prolific nineteenth French author known for lurid, meretricious novels (*Nana, L'Oeuvre*) and breaking heart of childhood friend
 43 Ernst Gombrich *or* Edda Göring (initials)
 44 Initials shared by famous authors of disparate texts *Fear and Trembling* and *Don't Touch my Hair* (also *Pet Semetary, Eyes Wide Shut* and *It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World*)