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Across

- 1** Confronting swimwear (for men)
7 Peak, pinnacle, highpoint, culmination
11 Trailblazing, nonagenarian, experimental filmmaker known for homoerotic art films (*Scorpio Rising*, *Inauguration of the Pleasure Dome*) and arresting *Lucifer* tattoo on chest
12 “We have drunk the ...; we have become immortal; we have gone to the light; we have found the gods.” Mysterious drink in Vedas
13 Lovely Irish boy’s name meaning little king (Gosling, O’Neal, Seacrest etc.)
14 “Got in a little hometown jam / So they put a rifle in my hand / Sent me off to a foreign land To go and kill the yellow man” Where was troubled vet in stirring 80s Bruce Springsteen anthem born?
16 Olive Prouty novel (initials)
17 Christian protomartyr stoned by Apostle Paul in Jerusalem in AD 36 (when Pharisee prior to conversion on road to Damascus) (5, 7)
20 Over (poetic) “Dark tree, still sad when others’ grief is fled / The only constant mourner ... the dead!” (Byron), “... the fields we go / Laughing all the ha ha ha ha” (*Jingle Bells*)
21 Able to move quickly and nimbly (esp. when elderly)
23 *I’m Lonely* (initials)
25 Roman military leader responsible for utter destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70 leaving it, in the words of eyewitness Josephus, “so thoroughly laid even with the ground that there was nothing left to make those that came thither believe it had ever been inhabited” (raising questions about Western Wall and location of Roman fort)
28 British Secret Service code indicating agent licensed to kill
29 Resembling shape of a teardrop
33 Reed, Costello, Richards, Loomis
34 Before (poetic) (“Able was I ... I saw Elba”)
35 Robert Hughes or Rolf Harris or Richard Hell Reinhard Heydrich or Rex Hunt (initials)
36 Red wire supplying +12V power to car audio
37 International organization founded at Oxford in 1946 for people of extremely high IQ with membership including Stephen Fry, Jimmy Saville and Norman Schwarzkopf (Noam Chomsky strangely absent)
39 *Go ...* Frenetic 60s dancing style often performed in cage
40 *Non Vivo Senza Te* 1965 Pino Donaggio hit (adapted as *You Don’t Have To Say You Love Me* by Dusty Springfield in following year) (2, 3)

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- 42** A plan of action devised to achieve a specific end (*Mincemeat*, 9/11 etc.)
44 “I met her in a club down in old ... / Where you drink champagne and it tastes just like cherry cola / C.O.L.A. Cola” Iconic location in paean to swinging 60s London by *The Kinks*
45 Amusing nickname of Inspector Morse due to reluctance to reveal Christian name at Oxford
46 Troubled teen protagonist in touching indie classic *Ghost World* (2004) (4, 8)
15 Albert Ellis or Anthony Eden or Augustus Egg (initials)
18 Principal warship of ancient Mediterranean with three banks of rowers, bronze ram and eyes on prow
19 Phil Silvers or Patti Smith (initials)
24 Priest of ancient Troy killed with sons by giant snakes sent by gods for warning Trojans about wooden horse in gnomic aphorism “I fear the Greeks even when they bear gifts”
26 Car part associated with “Weary” Dunlop (also ancient Phoenician city in Southern Lebanon execrated by Hebrew prophets as an eternal enemy of G-d and earmarked for destruction (“her profit and her prostitute’s wages will be sacred to the Lord”)) (bombed by IAF in modern-day iteration of old hatred)

Down

- 1** “Marchons, marchons! Qu’un sang impur Abreuve nos sillons! etc.” Blood-curdling national anthem of France
2 Lovely Russian girl’s name associated with “smug face” meme from *SPY X FAMILY*
3 Lovely New Zealand girl’s name (meaning reflections on water) associated with acclaimed Queen of Crime and novels with gentleman detective Inspector Roderick Alleyn
4 Scottish boy’s name meaning “born of fire” associated with mysterious assault on Dan Rather in Park Avenue in 1986 by unknown assailant asking repeatedly, “... What is the frequency?” (also 11 across)
5 Iranian Revolution or *International Rescue* (initials)
6 Piece of music without words such as *Love’s Theme* by *The Love Unlimited Orchestra* (or *A Fifth of Beethoven* by Walter Murphy) (or *Also Sprach Zarathustra* by *Deodato*)
7 Avraham Stern or Ariel Sharon or Aaron Spelling or Anna Schwartz (initials)
8 Disdainfully dismiss an idea or suggestion as foolish or impractical (4-4)
9 Caligula, Napoleon, Hirohito, Haile Selassie, Ming the Merciless etc.
10 Most prescribed US anti-anxiety tablet widely used (with alcohol) as party drug (nickname)
14 *Universal Soldier* (initials)
27 Sunni Islam (initials)
30 Italian artist associated with Transavantgarde and revival of figure in 80s (not Clemente) (or Chia)
31 A noisy disturbance or altercation; brouhaha
32 What was coming down along the road in famous opening of seminal modernist classic *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* by James Joyce (and met a nicens little boy named baby tuckoo)?
38 Wise
39 ... *Joe* Iconic 60s “action figure” for boys depicting branches of US military, originally “Rocky” (marine) “Skip” (sailor) and “Ace” (pilot) known for articulated parts, six-pack and scar
41 Three-sided, V-shaped box on long handle carried over shoulder to transport bricks and mortar (also IAF Commander and war hero known for dynamic leadership during 1967 Six Day War and attack on USS Liberty)
43 3 Niagara Lane (initials)
45 Beautiful valley in Northern Italy featured in 1947 documentary by Michelangelo Antonioni (*Gente del ...*) with poetic view of post-war poverty