

MEKEEKROE LEO (DETECTIVE WORK) by Schadenfreude

Solution

1	E	F	2	E	3	O	4	O	5	E	6	R	7	O	8	E	9	H	10	F	11	E	S
	12	O	I	N	F	U	S	E	R	S	O	A	Y	I									
13	E	F	T	E	S	T	14	S	K	I	R	R	E	D									
15	E	U	R	O	T	16	R	E	H	A	N	D	L	E									
17	O	R	A	R	I	O	18	N	T	19	O	O	E	E	O								
	20	E	E	P	21	T	H	E	F	E	W	L	T	N									
22	M	Y	S	23	T	I	C	I	24	A	25	S	26	L	E	E	27	P					
28	T	E	29	S	30	E	E	31	F	F	E	L	32	C	M	D	H						
33	H	T	O	T	F	L	34	S	35	H	A	R	P	I	E								
36	R	E	A	R	O	U	S	E	L	37	F	A	C	E									
38	O	E	R	O	T	K	E	39	R	O	O	T	E	R									
	A	T	E	D	40	O	E	C	R	M	E	H	K	E									
41	T	H	R	E	A	D	Y	Y	42	S	O	Y	A	S									

The phrase is THE MEMOIRS OF SHERLOCK HOLMES which usually consists of eleven short stories. In clue order the encoded answers are (Stockbroker's) CLERK, (Final) PROBLEM, GREEK (Interpreter), YELLOW (Face), NAVAL (Treaty), REIGATE (Squires), RESIDENT (Patient), CROOKED (Man), GLORIA (Scott), (Musgrave) RITUAL, SILVER (Blaze). The encoded instruction is "HIGHLIGHT APPROPRIATELY THE GRID ENTRY THAT CAN BE PAIRED WITH AN ENCODED ANSWER". FACE was to be shaded YELLOW. CARDBOARD BOX is sometimes included as a twelfth story and Squires is sometimes replaced by Squire or Puzzle.

Clue Notes
ACROSS

1	EFEOO/CLERK	CL+ERK
6	ROEHFES/PROBLEM	ROBLE in P(ACKED)+M
12	INFUSERS	IN+F+USERS
13	EFTEST	E+FT+EST
14	SKIRRED	DERRI(C)KS<
15	EURO	2 definitions
16	REHANDLE	RE+HAN+LED*
17	ORARION	RA in O+NOIR<
19	OOEEO/GREEK	G+REEK
21	THEFEW	(L)EF(T) in THEW
22	MYSTIC	MY+ST+IC
24	ASLEEP	AS+LEE+P
30	EEFFEL/YELLOW	YELL+WO<
33	HTOTF/NAVAL	VAN<+A+L
34	SHARPIE	SHARP(EI)
36	REAROUSE	OUS in REAR+(RAC)E
37	FACE	F+ACE
38	OEROTKE/REIGATER+IE<+GATE	
39	ROOTER	ROOT+ER
40	OECRMEHK/RESIDENT	TRIES* around (D+EN)
41	THREADY	[EARTHY+D]*
42	SOYAS	SO(N)YA+S(OW)

DOWN

1	EOEEOEM/CROOKED	R in COOKED
2	ENTRAP	PARTNE(R)<+S
3	OFEORT/GLORIA	[O+GIRL+A]*
4	OUSTITI	OUST+IT+I
5	ESTRO	MAESTRO less MA(D)
7	ORKHTF/RITUAL	TU in RIAL
8	HORNOWL	(OR+N) in HOWL
9	FARDEL	2 definitions

10	EYELETED	(E+TELE)< in (E+YD)
11	SIDEON	SIDE+ON
18	NEIFS	FINES(T)*
20	EYETEETH	{EYE(hom)+TH(EM)} around T(H)E(S)E
23	TETRODE	DOTTERE(L)*
25	SLALOMS	[SO+SMALL]*
26	EMPATHY	ME<+PAT+H+Y
27	PHEERES	HE in PERES
28	THROAT	TROAT around (ROUG)H
29	SOARER	ROSE* around (A+R)
31	FLUKED	FD around LUKE
32	CRFOEO/SILVER	SIVER around (TUNNE)L
35	HERRY	2 definitions