

Exchange III by Regson

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

The theme of the puzzle is Daphne DuMaurier’s “The Scapegoat”, in which the narrator John (surname not given) swaps identities with Jean (De Gué). In the final grid, JOHN and JEAN (symmetrically placed) exchange places (leaving real words)

Across	Extra Letter	Down	Extra Letter
1 H in MYSTIC	S	1 MYCOSIS - C	
5 IEO in (A + NS)		2 (JOY AND SAm)*	D
9 RC in (YO + K)	C	3 T + RIO	
10 CAMP + I + ON		4 I + C + NAME<	
11 JIM in Office		5 AMEN + bUT	U
13 I + O + N + A		6 PICE with E to front	
14 O + MEAN	A	7 NO + NIM	M
16 PINCH	P	8 AS + NAGS	A
18 (AN + E + STAR)*		12 NEAT* in CURé	
20 A in SAG		15 EURO – O + IC	U
22 M + INGE	E	17 CRASH	R
24 ASS + EG + A + I		19 C becomes EN in CHANCE	
26 E + CH + EG	G	21 JIG + SAW	
29 HUG + OO	O	23 SIT in GEESe	I
31 AVERAGE – (A + G + E)		24 AGA + MAE	E
32 TUNA in (S + neT)	A	25 G + HOST	
33 MEL + IS + M + A		27 A + VERSe	R
34 TAN + CE	T	28 BREE (hom)	
35 AS + HE + T		30 JAUNT - J	
36 T + WITH + (E + S)			