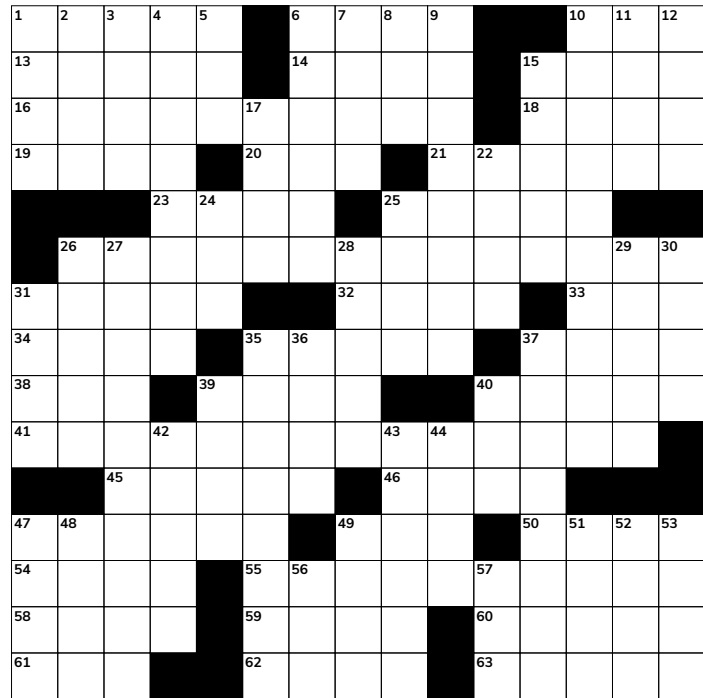


Hello, kids! I'm a crossword constructor and I live right here in Spokane! Take a tour around some of my favorite spots with this crossword puzzle! I love to walk or ride bikes with my wife, two kids, and dog. My very favorite place to go downtown is #55 Across, "Good place to read 'The Little Engine That Could.'" You'll have to solve the puzzle to see where that is! *Psst*, you can **turn to page 23 for answers**.

Spokane Summer Reading Crossword

Brian Thomas

- ACROSS**
- 1 They have pHs of 0-7
- 6 Hollywood actress ___ Hatcher
- 10 Count Dracula, at times
- 13 Event with lassos and clowns
- 14 Sign of things to come
- 15 Millennium Falcon owner
- 16 Good place to read "Charlotte's Web"
- 18 Clear the roads of snow
- 19 Pile of dirty clothes
- 20 You might skip them at the start of a YouTube video
- 21 Comments to the audience, in a play
- 23 "___ as pie"
- 25 Leaves out
- 26 Good place to read "Be a Tree!"
- 31 ___ and duchesses
- 32 Promises of repayment: Abbr.
- 33 Messenger ___ (chromosome component)
- 34 Rip to pieces
- 35 Gets extremely angry
- 37 Human figure
- 38 Back in the past
- 39 List of appetizers and desserts at a restaurant
- 40 Chinese lapdogs, familiarly
- 41 Good place to read "We Are Water Protectors"
- 45 Lopsided victories
- 46 What a detective might solve
- 47 Questions on "Jeopardy!"
- 49 Writing implement filled with ink
- 50 Buddy
- 54 Absolutely massive
- 55 Good place to read "The Little Engine That Could"
- 58 What Ritalin treats: Abbr.
- 59 On the waves
- 60 Pioneering video game company
- 61 Soaking ___
- 62 Certain backside cut of pork
- 63 What frogs and dogs do?
- DOWN**
- 1 "This is so frustrating!"
- 2 Apple part with seeds
- 3 What a lightbulb indicates, above a comic strip character's head
- 4 Got more expansive, as a hole or problem



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- 5 Nemo, to Marlin
- 6 "What did I say!"
- 7 Flightless birds of Australia
- 8 NFL or NHL official
- 9 Known for all the wrong reasons
- 10 What you'd get from a wide tip marker
- 11 ___ vera (soothing succulent)
- 12 What Mater from "Cars" does
- 15 Malice
- 17 Big party
- 22 ___ and Madams
- 24 Summertime cooling units: Abbr.
- 25 Clarinet cousin
- 26 En ___ (on fire): Spanish
- 27 "You're telling me!"
- 28 Slap together
- 29 "Over and ___" (series by Kate Messner)
- 30 Baseball great Willie
- 31 Boring and not colorful
- 35 You may need to do this on a family vacation to get around
- 36 "No ifs, ____, or buts!"
- 37 Colossal creature
- 39 Demigod of the wind and sea, in "Moana"
- 40 You can play games on them: Abbr.
- 42 Really adored
- 43 Shrinking polar feature
- 44 Where pet fish live
- 47 Unfreeze
- 48 "That wasn't very nice!"
- 49 Writing from Amanda Gorman, for example
- 51 Not so near
- 52 Semester or quarter, for example
- 53 Shortest-named Great Lake
- 56 Baton Rouge sch.
- 57 Asphalt ingredient

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