

Say My Name - Solution

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This variety cryptic crossword puzzle has 13 across entries where the definition and wordplay result in different answers. The definition answers are entered into the grid and are shown differently in the solved grid on the right. The two answers differ in that the wordplay result is a word that includes the phoneme of the spoken letter T while in the definition answer this has been replaced with the phoneme of a different spoken letter (example: TEACHER & ARCHER). Reading out the non-T phoneme letters in order spells out **ERIC CARLE'S ABC**, which is a children's alphabet book and the answer to this puzzle.

This is the first cryptic crossword we have written and a variety cryptic at that. As such, our grid is not quite kosher by standard cryptic rules in terms of numbers of crossings.



Clue	Definition Answer	Wordplay Answer	Non-T Phoneme
1A A team member is a problem (7)	MYSTERY	MR. T	E
4A Gossip precedes moonstruck star athlete taking a bow (6)	ARCHER	TEACHER	R
9A Look intently at a ballet ruined (7)	EYEBALL	T-BALL	I
11A Sounds like local subway life is grinding to a halt (7)	SEIZING	TEASING	C
13A Famous horse leaves bridle part securing center of discus (10)	SEABISCUIT	TEA BISCUIT	C
20A Sore characters from The Cincinnati Kid (4)	ACHY	TIKI	A
21A Liberal follower of a failed state (4)	ARTS	TEATS	R
22A Strange love and chance? Player for a Pennsylvania sports team (7)	SELLERS	STEELERS	L
25A Like a fortune that's smaller than usual? (4)	MINI	MINTY	E
26A Biblical queen dressed in white eternally (6)	ESTHER	TEETER	S
28A Like a stronghold raid? (5)	FORAY	FORTY	A
30A A tropical seabird's type of call? (5)	BOOBY	BOOTY	B
38A Chaotic, tense tantrums (6)	SCENES	TEENS	C

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