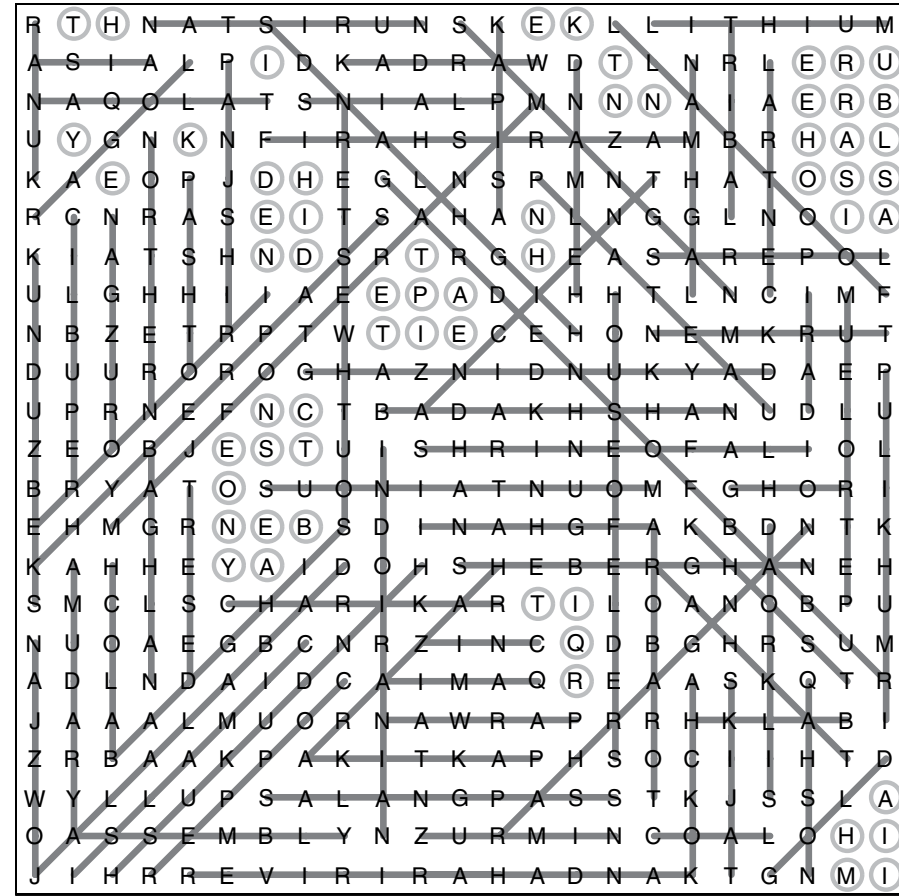


### MONSTER FIND-A-WORD AFGHANISTAN

Cross off the listed words where you find them in the grid and the leftover letters will spell out the author and title of each of two acclaimed novels set in this landlocked country.



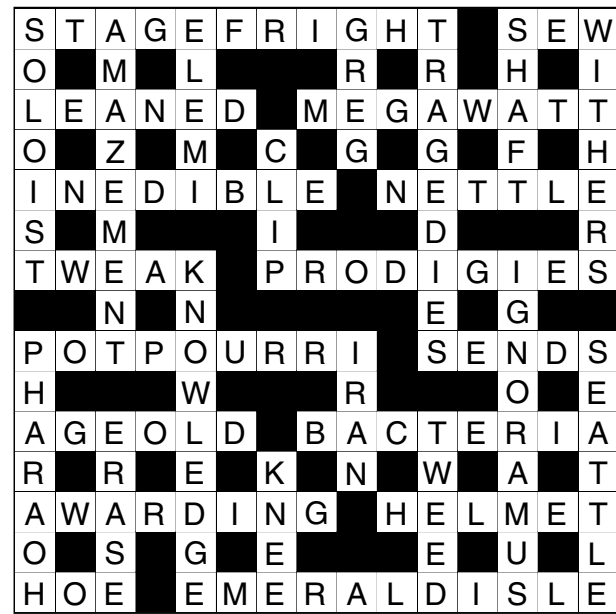
**SOLUTION**

THE KITE RUNNER BY KHALED HOSSEINI AND THE PATIENCE STONE BY ATIQ RAHIMI

### LATERAL THINKING: CRYPTIC

Use the cryptic clues to solve this crossword with a twist.

- ACROSS**
- Dramatic fit of nerves suffered by Cobb & Co passengers during hold-up? (5,6)
  - Stitch three points (3)
  - Was inclined to trim little Edward (6)
  - See Matt about wage being returned? It's a measure of power! (8)
  - Lie in bed at sea? It's unpalatable! (8)
  - Apparently, fishing mesh'll cause annoyance (6)
  - Pull poor Kate around west (5)
  - Porgie & Sid got together to produce talented kids (9)
  - Tip or pour out dried petal mixture (9)
  - Transmits last part on board (5)
  - Gaoled for becoming ancient (3-3)
  - Germes that don't care a bit (8)
  - Presenting a combat bell sound (8)
  - Rachel, metal provides protection (6)
  - Weeding tool often called for by Santa (3)
  - Ireland, in a poetic way, can produce all remedies (7,4)
- DOWN**
- Stool is misused by featured musician (7)
  - Great surprise shown by chaps following a maze to reach intersection (9)
  - Clientele might use resin (5)
  - Norman helped make aggregate (4)
  - Dies after triage when I've left - what terrible events! (9)
  - Be quiet at the back of boat, Ray! (5)
  - Part of horse wastes away (7)
  - Cut out film excerpt (4)
  - Learning to be acquainted with shelf (9)



- Signor amuses some idiot (9)
- Egyptian leader mentioned fair row (7)
- I managed Persia! (4)
- Settle outside a Washington port (7)
- Remove completely from camera sequence (5)
- The first noxious plant fabric (5)
- Keen to change joint (4)

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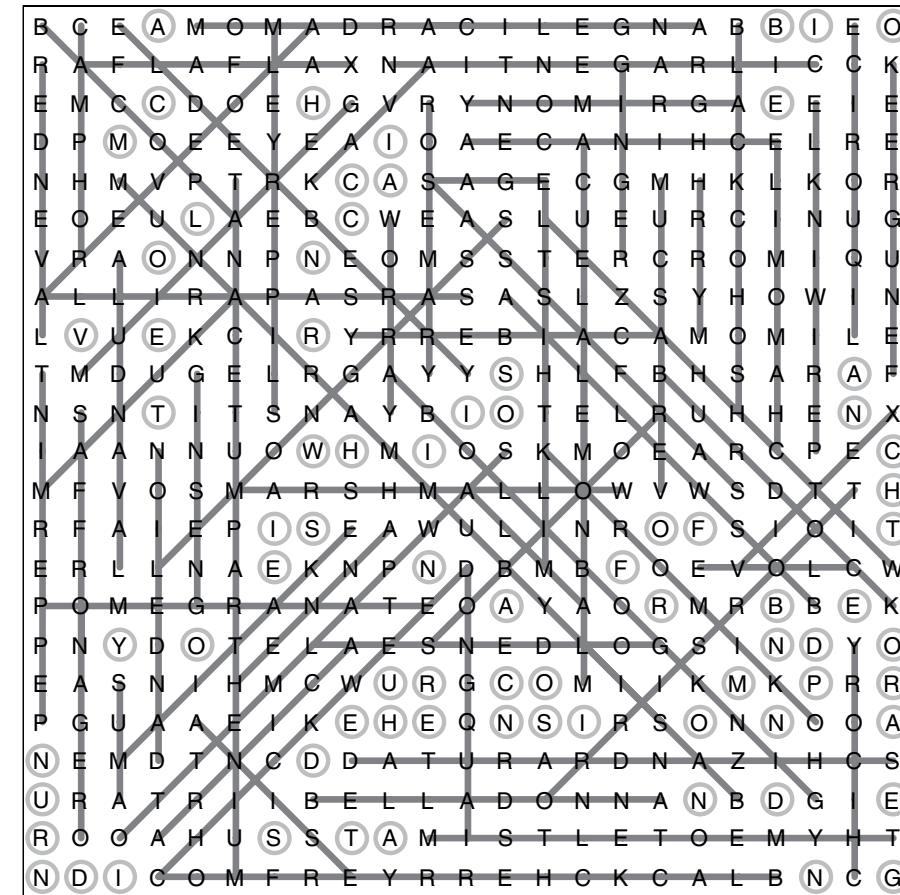
- ACROSS**
- Shows ad about tails (7)
  - Stands carrying right threads (7)
  - The French sea bird spotted round northern light (7)
  - Swayed vocally towards leather (5)
  - Tod leaves all to deviate with ease (9)
  - Maria's heading off to give opera solos (5)
  - Rescue bear I let out (8)
  - Sensual queen of ears? (6)
  - Saint gets older legs (6)
  - Give permission to go after haggard knight's glove (8)
  - Extra clause about jockey (5)
  - Ian and I in trouble at the end of chasm in Ethiopia, previously (9)
  - Totally exhausted having been on a shopping spree (5)
  - When gang leader departs, grab bits of cottontails (7)
  - Bewildered studs in state of
- DOWN**
- Ably sells renovated units, in a word (9)
  - Invalidate section of Australian Nullarbor (5)
  - Anne's back with the purgative (5)
  - Little Sidney went first, moved furtively (6)
  - Art saunters out to where he will eat well (11)
  - Met up on board to get plant parts (5)
  - One hundred caught in rising tide, according to decree (5)
  - Spiny creatures? (11)
  - Heartbeat chart sounds easy? Gee! (1,1,1)
  - Slash girls with pirate swords (9)
  - Sons found around ten unusual poems (7)



- Confuse some saddlers (5)
- Dispatches telegram for steel ropes (6)
- Got up because of stupid siren (5)
- Stories that are spun? (5)
- Listen! Who is nigh? Eve? How innocent! (5)

### MONSTER FIND-A-WORD PLANT MEDICINE

Cross off the listed plants where you find them in the grid to reveal what clinical herbalist and nutritionist Bevin Clare says using plants can facilitate.



**SOLUTION**

A BIOCHEMICAL CONVERSATION WHICH IS OFTEN FAR BEYOND OUR COMPREHENSION AND UNDERSTANDING.