



Asteroids | a cryptic puzzle by *Emily Cox & Henry Rathvon*

You are the navigator of the starship *Crypto*, approaching a sector of space teeming with irregularly scattered asteroids. To chart the region with your Asteroid Detector, you're sending out Across probes (1-13) and Down probes (a-l), which you display on your screen (the grid). Each probe consists of one or two words clued in order. Wherever an Across probe fails to intersect with a Down probe, there must be an asteroid; this should be represented on your screen as a black square. A probe may be interrupted by multiple asteroids. One area is completely surrounded by asteroids but strangely offers a way through.

Across

- 1 Lousy black asteroid on both sides
Signal detectors of scattered asteroids (2 wds.)
- 2 Sort of rug ordered anew on retail
- 3 Turning dark, a girl's heart in flight
Changing role in business transfer
- 4 Green roll, a fast-food order
Head of correctional facility quit
- 5 Sounded signal for ball girl?
Green tree creatures in a Tolkien book for men

- 6 Author's volume about spring returning (2 wds.)
- 7 Remote controller for a display outside hospital building
- 8 Heroines ignoring the odds for quite a while
Oral instruction for a pupil and shrink
- 9 Confined with grass all around, felt contrition
- 10 A little bird doing some activity (2 wds.)
Liberal manipulated touching words?
- 11 Made fun of staff error
Show about meat
- 12 English name Reagan's bankrupt company
Border trimmed of its front inch
- 13 Suffering, give yourself a haircut?

Down

- a Duck embracing male turkey
Dreaded G-man carries listening device
- b Stand in Central Park is empty
Botched intro to dessert

- c "Aeneid" figure accomplished nothing
Advanced study certain ISP backed
- d Actual manuscript for "Spheres"
Plowman's arch supports
- e Campaign worker's crazy idea
Old-school characters in secret romances
- f Sketch Land's End green 1000-pound players' org.
- g Converted nonheretic, making no sense
- h Mine output almost depleted Northwest state
A greatly abridged claim
- i Audibly rips off braces
Even motion of the oceans heard
- j Antelope endlessly dash
Safe glue repaired part of a model plane
- k Sample portion of ragout, a stew
Acoustic rooms for hawks
- l Fruit dull on the tongue
Football lineman in spots for receivers

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