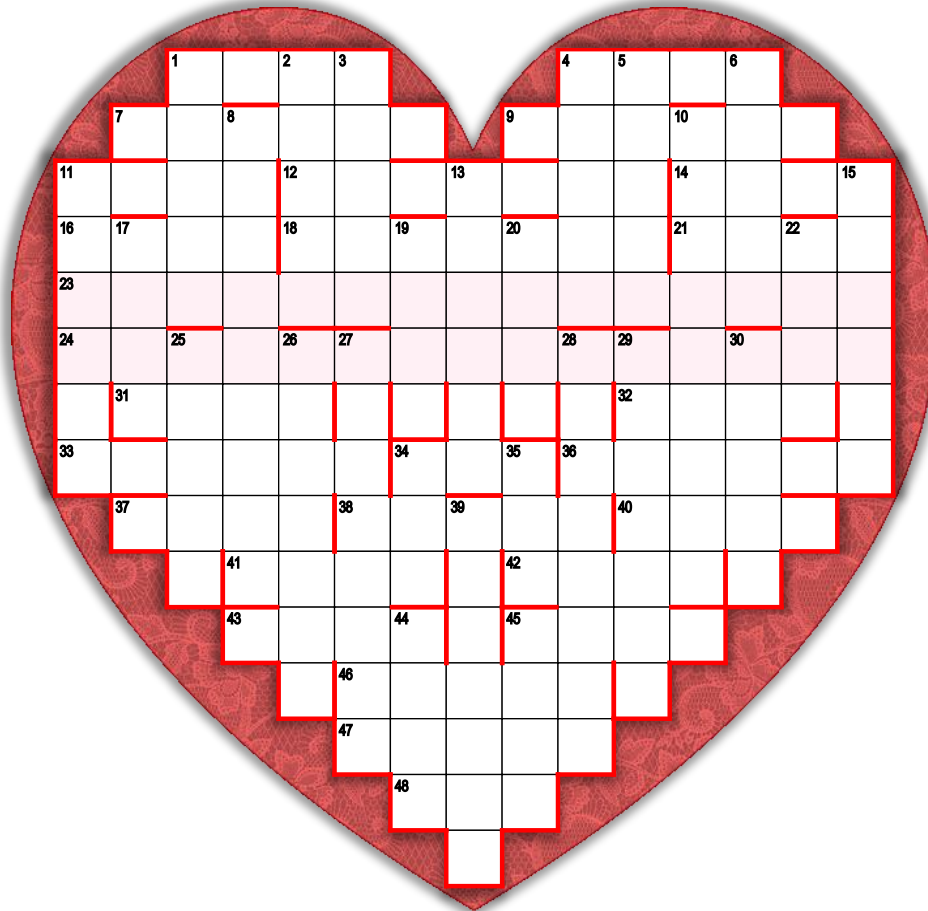


# Cross My Heart

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No clues are provided for 23A and 24A. You must solve the rest of the puzzle to reveal the final riddle.



## Across:

- 1 Don't eat anything in Belfast. (4)
- 4 Smear leaders of Belgium, lampooning unusual remarks. (4)
- 7 Sneak around this pothole oddly. (6)
- 9 Mismanage fee and cause a clamor. (6)
- 11 Quiet, everyone gets a shroud. (4)

- 12 Playfully performs foxtrot out in one-pieces. (7)

- 14 Sneak attack has some afraid. (4)
- 16 Ditzzy aide has a stroke of genius. (4)
- 18 Some travel guides are damaged at sales. (7)
- 21 No, the last plane left, Theodore - it stinks. (4)

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- 31 Repeat the multiple choice section. (4)
- 32 Trio stirred up a violent protest. (4)
- 33 In America, licorice is mottled. (6)
- 34 Like-minded, even wounded. (3)
- 36 Yelped wildly in a low voice. (6)
- 37 Tricia leaves patricians for cookware. (4)
- 38 Dismal tune when ridge crumbled. (5)
- 40 The god of war's armies lose heart. (4)
- 41 Sick after girl has piece of fish. (4)
- 42 Trees on the borders of Oklahoma and Kansas. (4)
- 43 Burden on America. (4)
- 45 Losing steam, webmaster stirred to make coffee. (4)
- 46 A tree found within roadmap legends. (5)
- 47 Skid around the capital of England, then went downhill fast. (5)
- 48 The goal may have been found at last. (3)

## Down:

- 1 Cut of meat I left stewing. (5)
- 2 Warts came up in a tube. (5)
- 3 Blow the horn at hotel - it bites! (5)
- 4 Cynic abandons cybernetic headpiece. (5)
- 5 Silly Sal's got old rope. (5)

- 6 Prepared to skim the front of yearbook. (5)
- 8 Awful night after performance by a doll, for example. (9)
- 10 Accidentally snort fire on the borderlands. (9)
- 11 Spooner says, "Nick, pick something for lunch in the park." (6)
- 13 Paid Ron horribly after I left - forgive me? (6)
- 15 Doctor sets out without tea. Why? It's fashionable. (6)
- 17 Eat your meal with a little bit of tidiness. (4)
- 19 Take charge of heavy metal. (4)
- 20 Diesel fuel consumes one's identity. (4)
- 22 Brief, sad announcement of mob hit with no leads. (4)
- 25 Unusual tale about Charlie is a brilliant success. (5)
- 26 Poisons? Sound the alarm bells! (7)
- 27 Gangsters hold sumo wrestling. (8)
- 28 Even odder, R-rated dances make a comeback, beloved. (8)
- 29 Flipped out about fake red mess. (7)
- 30 Yearns for dopes to change, for starters. (5)
- 34 Crude uprising of rebellious characters. (3)
- 35 Exaggerated genius origin! (3)
- 39 Mixing in grape is getting results. (7)
- 44 Japanese drink for Pete's follower? (4)
- 45 Boy went first, then ran. (4)

Online fillable version here: <https://dkmiller71.github.io/DarrensPuzzles/puzzles/xword/CrossMyHeart.html>.