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"Muchas Novias" (themeless)

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Difficulty level: Hardish, but worth it!

ACROSS

- 1 Spotify's top artist for three years straight (2020, 2021, 2022)
9 Item in a purse that might be applied to one's eyes
13 Common ingredient in bulgogi marinade
15 North Carolina university where "He Got Game" was filmed
16 "You in?"
18 Token in the game Clue
19 NYC neighborhood bounded by Canal and Bowery
20 Type of "mylk"
21 Striking person, perhaps
23 Some works in the Art Institute of Chicago
25 Award-winning author of "Exhalation"
26 Protective plate
29 NYC neighborhood bounded by Bowery and Mercer
31 Prince song with the lyric "Ooh baby, don't you want to be alone 2night?"
32 NC Courage and the Chicago Red Stars, for two
33 They might be ruined by wet blankets
34 It's opened at a bar
35 Agatha Christie title
36 Parsley, sage, rosemary, and thyme
37 Lady who performed with Tony Bennett
38 Celebrated plays, for short
39 Looks for
40 Website with four James Beard Foundation Awards
41 ___ bangs (swooshy hairstyle)
42 Salad base that can be massaged
43 Visitors in "Nope" and "Arrival"
44 Took
46 Go from four to five, say
48 Some tops
50 Event most recently held in Charlotte, NC
51 Inits. used by someone with a remote job
54 Rte. crossing the US
55 Fantastic place to live?
58 Word indicating obsessive interest
59 Ballad covered by Frank Ocean and Chloe x Halle
60 Admissions tests for higher education: Abbr.
61 "Yes!"

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- 1 Tear up
2 Tennis player posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom
3 Martes y miércoles, por ejemplo
4 Piñata accessory
5 Lengthens
6 Class of difficult problems, in computational complexity theory
7 "That's rad!"
8 "___ queen!"
9 Response at a patisserie, perhaps
10 Nickname for Kaliko Kauahi's birthplace
11 Home to a statue of The Little Mermaid
12 You might pick them up at the gym
14 Horned mascot of the Carolina Tar Heels
17 Boats subject to orca attacks, recently
22 Some characters in Greek tragedies?
23 Jason Derulo falling down the stairs at the Met Gala, for one
24 Be in hot water, perhaps?
26 Planned Parenthood service
27 Institutional leader
28 Text from someone who is planning on turning up
30 Globes
33 Sense
36 Hestia's domain
37 Pick up
39 Candy not recommended for people with braces
40 Daughter of Queen Clytemnestra
43 When dinner might be served in Italy
45 Great thrift shop purchases
47 Chile de ___ (common salsa macha ingredient)
49 ___ tum (green papaya salad)
51 Crafted, like a story
52 Went out quickly
53 Character who may undergo a transformative journey
56 Alternative to "twist" or "pull" in a 90s toy
57 "___ Dark Materials"

