Christmas Quiz 1: Anagramatic Acrostics
Set by Archagents Gabriel and Raphael

Answer the following slightly cryptic general knowledge questions. The initial letters of each answer can then be rearranged to make the title of a well known work of literature.

Acrostic #1
1. US President 1901-1908 or 1933-1945 (surname).
2. Hamlet’s home.
3. Tale by ETA Hoffman; ballet music by Tchaikovsky.
4. Moorish Shakespeare play.
5. Bird associated with both Thanksgiving and Christmas.
7. Classical goddess of retribution or vengeance.
8. American ornithologist and artist, lived 1785-1851 (surname).
10. Author of “They are a company of giddy-heads, afternoon men” (surname).
12. Former jockey who married Anne Stepney (surname).
14. Crossed by Julius Caesar in 49 BC.
17. In classical mythology, the food of the gods.
18. Fungal impairment of grain crops, notably rye.
19. Fascinating Verdi opera.
20. Composer of Le Quattro Stagioni.
21. Spice often used in mulling wine.
22. Calvin’s philosophical accomplice.
23. The capital of Fiji.
24. Genus of American redwood tree growing to record heights.
25. A syrupy alcoholic liquor made from blackcurrants.
26. 16th century English queen.

Acrostic #2
1. Island south of Cape Cod, USA.
2. An Enid Blyton hero with a 60th anniversary in 2009.
4. Relatively famous scientist.
5. &.
6. Proust’s cake.
7. Famous opera by Gluck.
8. Corsican-born general and Emperor of France (first name).
9. Wife of the patriarch Isaac; mother of Esau and Jacob (Genesis).
11. The largest living land mammal.
Christmas Quiz 2 : Pubs and Drinking Places in English Literature
Set by David Butler

1. Geoffrey Chaucer’s pilgrims began their journey to Canterbury from which Southwark pub?

2. The main protagonist in this dark novel could be found, “every lunchtime and every evening”, in the Black Cross on the Portobello Road. Which novel, and by whom?

3. On Fair Day in the village of Weydon-Priors, in a beer tent advertising “Good Furmity Sold Here”, a shocking transaction took place. Which novel?

4. From this south bank pub, once the meeting place of the Anthony Powell Society London group, Samuel Pepys reputedly watched the Great Fire of London. Which pub?

5. This pub provides the setting for the stories of Bob, Jenny and Ella in a famous London trilogy. Name the pub and the trilogy?

6. In this Welsh pub, the Old Devils foregathered. Which?

7. “Gordon was alone. He wandered back to the door. The strawberry-nosed man glanced over his shoulder, caught Gordon’s eye, and moved off, foiled. He had been on the point of slipping Edgar Wallace into his pocket. The clock over the Prince of Wales struck a quarter past three.” From which inter-war novel is this taken?

8. The first day’s journey of which fictional band of friends concluded at the Bull Inn, Rochester?

9. Which gritty 1950’s novel opens on Benefit Night at the White Horse Club, where protagonist Arthur Seaton is lying “dead drunk” at the bottom of the stairs?

10. In which disreputable hotel parlour is the protocol so described: “Unless specified in detail, all drinks are champagne … There is also a mysterious game played with dice which always ends with someone giving a bottle of wine to everyone in the room, but Lottie has an equitable soul and she generally sees to it, in making up the bills, that the richest people pay for everything.”

11. And on which real-life hotel was the above based?

12. Which famous fictional spinner of yarns held court at the “The Angler’s Rest”? A real pub in which central English town is believed to be the model for the Angler’s Rest?

13. Whose favourite drinking hole was Pommeroy’s Wine Bar?

14. Which poet grew up on the premises of the Swan & Hoop in Moorgate, City of London? A pub on the site now bears his name.

15. To which Fitzrovian pub circa 1940, was Julian Maclaren-Ross referring in this passage? “The … landlord was known as Red, not because he had red hair (in fact his hair was grey) but because his name was Redvers. Also he was not the
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16. Which Booker Prize winning novel opens in the bar of the Coach & Horses, Bermondsey?

17. In She Stoops to Conquer by Goldsmith, Tony Lumpkin drinks with the locals in which alehouse?

18. Which play of 1791, by a less well-known countryman of Goldsmith and revived from obscurity by the RSC in 1976, features a cameo by honest Bob Johnstone, keeper of the Sun Inn “these twenty years”?

19. Which fictional detective drinks in the Oxford Bar?

20. “It was a cold grey day in late November. The weather had changed overnight, when a backing wind brought a granite sky and a mizzling rain with it, and although it was now only a little after two o’clock in the afternoon the pallor of a winter evening seemed to have closed upon the hills, cloaking them in mist.” Which novel opens thus? 

Answers to both quizzes and the crossword will be printed in the Spring Newsletter.
Across
8. Top class feudal tenant uses porter. (8)*
9. WW2 poet loses head over elderly widower. (5)*
10. See 2 down.
11. Hot clipper attacked shady solicitor. (10)*
12. Members quoted from virago Ethel. (6)*
14. Triumphing in “Glory in God”. (8)
15. Horse-drawn vehicle went east into slaughter. (7)
17. Expelled for trying to work out in maths. (7)*
20. German baroque composer used note left for small ringing instrument. (8)
22. Spanish women’s wear? (6)
23. I left minister after conflict with 4. (10)*
24 & 24 down. Official wind instrument. (8)
25. Undergraduate has family in Californian city. (5)*
26. Within, one actual, over the top, Italian writer. (8)

Asterisked clues are Powell related.
A copy of Spurling’s Handbook is recommended.

Down
1. Italian’s new house in Soho. (8)*
2 & 10 across. Travel around with luggage behind. (8)
3. Revolutionary could have spy in mind. (6)
4. Shaken rider, for example, returns to 23. (7)*
5. Muck around in seaport location to find cult leader. (8)*
6. In the Powell style, or its opposite! (10)
7. Drum turns up in kidnap myth. (6)
13. Powell’s given names, surprisingly to my donkey. (4,6)*
16. Young ADC’s great engine could be improving environment. (8)*
18. Portable bed placed in care of the Chief’s P.A. (8)*
19. One-armed captain attempts lift of heavy weight. (7)*
21. Butler comes with beer from productive land. (6)
22. Endless obstruction to progress for Scottish playwright. (6)
24. See 24 across.