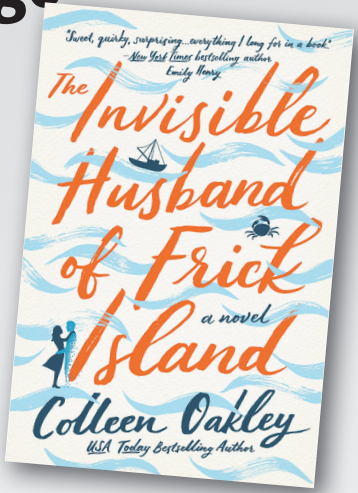


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Do you have a favorite book that takes place on an island or in a small town?

“The Invisible Husband of Frick Island” by Colleen Oakley

What if your husband was gone but you pretended he was still around?

That’s exactly what grieving widow Piper Parrish is doing. The Frick Island townspeople know Tom died in a crab-boat accident but they go along with her — even waving, asking him questions, and saying hi.

When newspaper reporter Anders Caldwell is assigned to cover the annual Frick Island Cake Walk, he boards the ferry with little enthusiasm. But he soon discovers there’s more to this eccentric little town than its fundraiser. The real story of the invisible husband had the potential to grab national attention for his podcast, “The Adventures of Clark Kent.”

Anders returns to do covert research and begins to learn why the islanders are so protective of Piper. But as he starts to fall in love with her and island life, how will he tell the truth about the story

he’s really chasing?

Oakley captures quirky, small-town life with warmth and charm. Readers will enjoy the unique facts throughout the book about bugs, cake, and boats, as the mystery unfolds.

For more favorite books set on an island or in a small town, explore: “Beach Read,” by Emily Henry; “Big Girl, Small Town,” by Michelle Gatten; “Everything I Never Told You,” by Celeste Ng; “The Islanders,” by Meg Mitchell Moore; “What’s Mine and Yours,” by Naima Coster; and “The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry,” by Gabrielle Charbonnet.

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BARN QUILTS: Tradition could catch on in Sisters

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That’s pale in comparison to Quilt Barn Trail of Oregon in and around the Tualatin River valley, where 59 barns, granges, vineyards, or community halls display a stunning mosaic of outdoor quilt art.

So, what gives in Sisters? In my travels around the county, I have found no more than three such quilted buildings. Let’s say I’m off by 100 percent. That’s still a dearth of barns. The closest you’ll find is not on a barn but the back of a Pine Meadow Village home (shown above).

It’s not for lack of creativity I am certain, as we will all see this weekend. I just don’t think the spark has been struck. At least I’m hoping that’s all it is.

I stopped in at Stitchin’ Post, and, alas, there were no patterns or how-to books, although from time to time they have courses featuring barn quilts. “How hard can this be?” says the man who has never put an ounce of time into quilting, but hours and hours in admiration of the work of others. I have no less than 137 photos of quilts. And those are the ones I kept

from hundreds more taken.

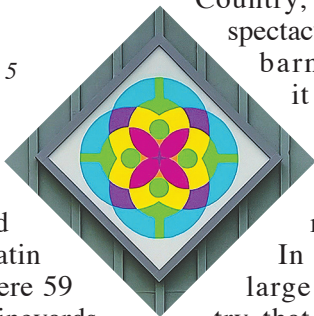
I’m pretty sure we have enough barns around Sisters Country, including some spectacularly fancy horse barns. Admittedly it would be some tedious paint work. There are some ready-made options.

In fact, there is a large cottage industry that will hand paint or sell vinyl applique barn quilts. They typically come in 24-by-24-inch sections that, when joined with others, can make a fairly infinite, square-shaped, and long-lasting pattern.

You could hoof it up to Lowe’s and get 24-by-24-inch metal and vinyl squares for \$86 or pick up a 48-by-48-inch design for \$339. There are over 20 mix-and-match patterns, making it a snap to let your inner barn-quilter loose.

Now look, if Sisters is somehow to barnstorm this idea, it’s important to know that barn quilts aren’t just pretty to look at. Done right, they tell a story. Usually about the building on which they are attached or the land on which the barn sits. Or the family ancestors who settled the land. Maybe even the Native Americans who were there first. That sounds just as interesting to me. Kind of like a rolling history museum.

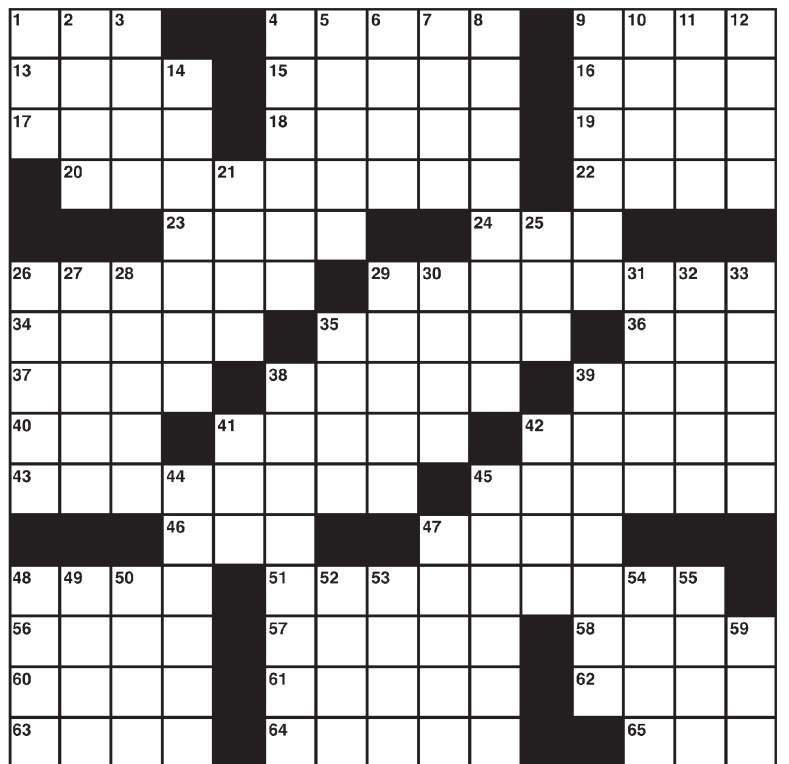
A raise of hands: Who wants barn quilts in Sisters?



The Nugget Newspaper Crossword

By Jacqueline E. Mathews, Tribune News Service

- ACROSS**
- 1 ___ free; liberate
 - 4 Loathe
 - 9 Take a ___ at; attempt
 - 13 Way out
 - 15 Window covering
 - 16 Jackson ___, Wyoming
 - 17 Arrived
 - 18 TV’s “Days of Our ___”
 - 19 Sneaky tactic
 - 20 Fun
 - 22 ___-on; like some patches
 - 23 BBQ favorites
 - 24 Jamie ___ Curtis
 - 26 Indian & Arctic
 - 29 Sound amplifiers
 - 34 Rough cabin
 - 35 Fewest
 - 36 “___ a move on!”; cry to a slowpoke
 - 37 “I couldn’t ___ less!”
 - 38 Bulldog’s cheeks
 - 39 Clerical error
 - 40 Time following lunch: abbr.
 - 41 Church leaders
 - 42 Dixie ___ cups
 - 43 Discussed again
 - 45 On the whole
 - 46 Item for confession
 - 47 “___ Me in St. Louis”
 - 48 Babysitter’s bane
 - 51 Like a terrible headache
 - 56 Lasso
 - 57 Give a speech
 - 58 Review a manuscript
 - 60 “___ the Rainbow”
 - 61 Adamant refusal
 - 62 Overnight dance party
 - 63 Ties the knot
 - 64 Shadowboxes
 - 65 Barbie’s beau



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- 5 Teacup edges
- 6 ___-nots; those in need
- 7 Unlocked
- 8 Agitated
- 9 Sharp shrill cry
- 10 On a ___; sightseeing
- 11 ___-ran; one who didn’t win
- 12 “___ there, done that”
- 14 Raised porch
- 21 Icy oval
- 25 “Please Don’t ___ the Daisies”
- 26 “Sesame Street” character
- 27 Cause skin irritation
- 28 One of the planets
- 29 Made clothes
- 30 Chums
- 31 North African nation
- 32 Fight off
- 33 “West Side ___”
- 35 Easy stride
- 38 Andrew & Lyndon
- 39 More delicious

- DOWN**
- 1 Moment, for short
 - 2 Grade determiner, often
 - 3 Magazine title
 - 4 Speaks off the cuff

— Last Week’s Puzzle Solved —



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- 41 Letter for Socrates
- 42 Longfellow or Whitman
- 44 Fall flowers
- 45 Linear measures
- 47 Bishop’s accessory
- 48 Area below the hairline
- 49 Meander
- 50 Imitated
- 52 Get ready, for short
- 53 Mauna Loa’s output
- 54 Neighbor of Minn.
- 55 ___ up; quit
- 59 Reasonable bedtime

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