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Each 'mini-review' contains both a definition (one word or more) and a mixture or reversal of the letters (beginning at the beginning or ending at the end of a word in the clue) of the three answers indicated by the clue numbers (in the correct order). Both indications of the first answer precede both indications of the second, and so on. Definitions and letter mixtures never overlap. In each case the definition or the letter mixture may come first.

## ACROSS

TruthChanges by Rory Porter. Frank exposé of pressinaccuracy, giving a breath of life to a tired industry, on a par with any editor above paying to employ some rare Aussie bounder $(7,5,9)$ A Few Loose Deliveries by Don Undervest. In which the bowling coach forsakes his customary search for new spinners, lambasting whoever gets opponents out by 'sledging' $(4,5,7)$ Not Yet Eighteen by 'Giovanna'. Coming-of-age Italian romance with prolonged notes in utterly rapturous prose; cover names it 'one of the most joy-blessed reads of the season' $(5,6,10)$ Fish Out Of Water by Slovo Reed. Simple holiday recipes (no mock cod's roe in a birch bark box or tabbouleh Ottolenghi that's bound to terminate in abject failure) $(10,6,5)$
All Spies And Marjory, by Herb Gardiner. One to slip in your rucksack takenagainfor that short break horticulturiststreasure, when men go through all their edible plants by name $(7,5,4)$

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Across 1, anag. inclh; 11, have rel(y); 12,1 inlater (rev.); 15, b(one) in anag.; 17,Fr. = peas; 19, upinree(king);20, cf.mutton; 22, ven(I)sonine.g.; 24, (m)anta; 25, ref pan ${ }^{3} ; 29$, in + Igoindid.
Down 1,hot in pores + anag.; 3 , w inneb + i.e.;5, kens id in slice; 6 , a din forlintrig; 8, dance + anag.;20, Asti inMC; 23, e.g. insue; 26, (K)inky.

The Next Crisis. Three former foreign ministers see signs of history repeatedto apprehend as before intreatmentstravelling backwards and forwards in time $(9,5,7)$

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12 TheBoneCrackerby ScottLeason. With one of our surestnames

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It Works For Me. A report on today's trade unionmanagement, competent in principle but controlled as it's always been by a white majority $(5,5,4)$

Every answer is in The Chambers Dictionary (2014); the answer at 21 is of two words.

