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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 Truth Changes by Rory Porter. Frank exposé of press inaccuracy, 1) 6 giving a breath of life to a tired industry, on a par with any editor 10 J above paying to employ some rare Aussie bounder (7, 5, 9) 11 A Few Loose Deliveries by Don Undervest. In which the 13 bowling coach for sakes his customary search for new spinners, 14 J lambasting whoever gets opponents out by 'sledging' (4, 5, 7) 16) Not Yet Eighteen by 'Giovanna'. Coming-of-age Italian romance 17 with prolonged notes in utterly rapturous prose; cover names 19 J it 'one of the most joy-blessed reads of the season' (5, 6, 10) 21) Fish Out Of Water by Slovo Reed. Simple holiday recipes 23 (no mock cod's roe in a birch bark box or tabbouleh Ottolenghi 25 J that's bound to terminate in abject failure) (10, 6, 5) 29) All Spies And Marjory, by Herb Gardiner. One to slip in your 30 rucksack taken again for that short break horticulturists treasure, when men go through all their edible plants by name (7,5,4)

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Across 1, anag. incl h; 11, have rel(y); 12,1 in later (rev.); 15, b(one) in anag.; 17, Fr. = peas; 19, up in ree(king); 20, cf. mutton; 22, ven(I)son in e.g.; 24, (m)anta; 25, ref. pan3;29,in+Igoindid.

Down 1, hot in pores + anag.; 3, win neb + i.e.; 5, kens id in slice; 6, a din for lin trig; 8, dance + anag.; 20, Astiin MC; 23, e.g. in sue; 26, (K) inky.

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The Next Crisis. Three former foreign ministers see signs of 32 ` 33 history repeated to apprehend as before in treatments travelling

backwards and forwards in time (9, 5, 7)

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Only One Shade Of Grey by Merrily Chaste. Sex manual to put 1) each couple at ease on money, holding that special holiday and зJ lustful urges until both have made the grade (5, 9, 5)

4 This Mortal Coil by Rod Otis. Theatrical anecdotes in which 5 Indian actors pick personal favourites from on and off the beaten 6 J track, with stage tips for newcomers (6, 10, 5)

7 The Wider Scene by Phil McAnvas. Helps you revise your approach to a work of art, in line with how a real artist thinks; 9 J guaranteed not to depress old or young (7, 4, 7)

12 **The Bone Cracker** by Scott Leason. With one of our surest names 15 in crime fiction to pilot us through this grisly read, I'm sure this 18 J is one his devoted public rates highly (10, 9, 7)

20) Trees of Asia. Dora Desai explores her native forests, beating a 22 pathideally suited to those who would rescue it from depredation, 24 J like the smart girl she is (7,6,5)

26) It Works For Me. A report on today's trade union management, 27 competent in principle but controlled as it's always been by a 28 J white majority (5, 5, 4)

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