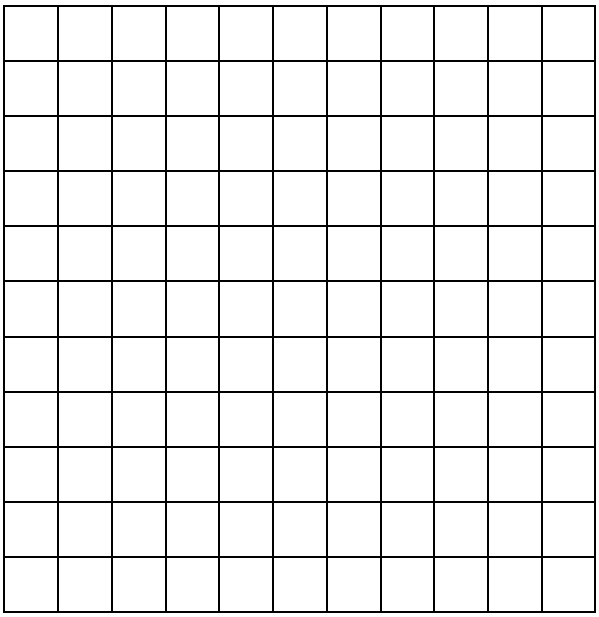
Guest Puzzle "Novel" by Arthur Schless

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from three to ten letters; six are capitalized, one is hyphenated, and one is a two-word phrase) then enter them in the grid one after another in the same order as their clues, starting in the upper left corner. Across words that don't end at the right continue on the next row, and down words that don't end at the bottom continue in the next column. Four across words and four down words won't fit in the grid unless a three-letter sequence they contain is omitted. Note that the sequence appears elsewhere in the grid, which merits an explanation.



Across

1. Astonishing god's mad love includes you finally
2. Actor in super play
3. Fishlike mobile eye has length
4. Bad weather for snake
5. Unsuccessfully wean again
6. Six join the voting process for the French expulsion
7. Alumna's niece originally left one thousand dollars
8. Apprentice has time for cyberspace
9. Inappropriate verb applied to a Native American
10. Martyr's internally affected
11. Author of fresh revelations
12. Most animated on wild evil islet
13. Name of river is in old English
14. Flat to the east and west!
15. A double negative is something forbidden
16. Signaled as noisy British lined up
17. Start anew after terse upheaval
18. Greek character amidst evolving crisis has liver disease
19. Constrictor of odd biota
20. Site featured in polo calendar
21. Clownish fellow is left out
22. Assure we come back in to eat
23. Leader of East Sarajevo
24. Showed one out and partied

Down

1. Most inferior of disorganized NE teams
2. Fastening cover loosely around lad's head
3. Train of thought when gal vet wandered
4. Louvre redecorated with a velvetlike fabric
5. Healer embraces large game player
6. Newlywed gives up penny for cheese
7. Fodder distributed around place by accident
8. Items of water god
9. Told off stupid person
10. In debt, none married
11. Having a distaste for poetry
12. Certain to keep five - six alive
13. Tale I lament about girl
14. Seeing endlessly raging river
15. Landlady is taken in by sales sorority
16. Treaty was reportedly stowed
17. Farewell note for a French woman
18. Churn butter with energy in glass tube
19. City of curiosity
20. Adder poisoned otter
21. Musician expresses pain
22. Odd scene involving a box
23. Penelope gets nothing for new flower
24. Senate bribed and corrupt