

# Spring Mushroom Hunt, by Kevin Wald

All of the shaded squares have something in common. 53 and 55 Across form a single statement about the grid that can be interpreted in two ways. Taken one way, it states that there are other squares that I could also have shaded; taken another way, it states the theme of the puzzle.

## ACROSS

1. Mounted soldiers (abbr.)
4. Geographical diagrams
8. Girl
12. Religious ceremony
16. Our honest president
17. Emotionally distant
19. Abominable snowman
20. Type of sax
21. The genus of the true morels
23. Species name for 25 Across
25. Seasonal precursor of morels
26. The first American name for a fungus in this group
28. Cubic meter
29. One of the names for a black morel
31. Inside (prefix)
32. Where the water is white
34. 28 and 38 Across, say
38. 1/63,360 of a mile

42. *Of \_\_\_\_ I Sing*
43. Rascal
47. Fish eggs
48. Capital of Ontario
50. Upper house
52. \_\_\_\_ *nobis pacem* (give us peace)
- 53 & 55. [See instructions.]
57. Mr. Onassis, for short
58. Authority on Jewish law
60. How something starts?
61. The earliest of the true morels
65. False morel often confused with 61 Across
70. Put down
71. Marciano, Balboa, and a flying squirrel
73. Kinds of hair go
74. Function
75. Obligations
76. Get ready
78. Pungent relative of the lily
79. Comingle
81. Like Noah's animals
83. Enumeration
86. The earliest of these genera to fruit
87. Where stars go to dry out
92. Another name for a black morel
96. Black morel or 86 Across
97. Largest genus of false morel

98. White morel or 97 Across
  101. "It's \_\_\_\_ to Tell a Lie" (1936 song; two words)
  102. Month preceding Rosh Hashanah
  103. Drive off
  104. Set
  105. Agents
  106. Erotic
  107. Suspicious
  108. Redactors (abbr.)
- DOWN**
1. French essayist Albert
  2. Halt
  3. Author of *Around the World in Eighty Days*
  4. Composer of *Das Lied von der Erde*
  5. \_\_\_\_ *jacta est* (the die is cast)
  6. One running for office, say
  7. A note to precede la
  8. A brand of spandex
  9. Prefix for foil or dynamic
  10. Old hat
  11. When people don't rise in protest
  12. Former DC mayor Barry
  13. *Inter \_\_\_\_* (among other things)
  14. Zap with a taser
  15. Mystic intoxicant of the Vedas

18. False fronts
22. Contemptible dog
24. Become, at last
27. @@@@ @@@@ @@@@ @@@@
29. Spartan magistrate
30. Recline
33. \_\_\_\_ boy!
35. Raymond Burr TV series
36. Author Morrison
37. Chair or bench
38. Hairy cousin on *The Addams Family*
39. Japanese drama
40. Less like crunchy peanut butter
41. Terrible
43. Sneerer, perhaps
44. Native of the West Indies
45. Fed on
46. Gibson or Brooks
49. Simon or Sedaka
51. Put into a sheltered inlet
52. Gloomy
54. Vertical
56. Appear
59. Vessels of a biblical sort
61. Run-down neighborhood
62. Relaxation
63. Anger
64. Move up and down
66. Musical drama

67. Partner with faith and charity
68. Middling grade
69. Inquire
72. Less thickly distributed
75. Religious philosophy of Jefferson and others
77. Tear
80. Particles that make quarks stick together
81. Vim
82. In a humorous manner
84. Piggins
85. Championship
86. Like calf meat
88. Osaka-to-Tokyo direction (abbr.)
89. Depend (on)
90. Did something
91. Phoenician deities
92. Growing medium made from algae
93. Wall Street trading site (abbr.)
94. Hold firmly
95. Essential point
96. One providing prompt service?
99. Stitch
100. Bookkeeper (abbr.)

