

Extraordinary Rendition by Nutmeg

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The 1960's novel 1ac sounds like a 37ac production, though in fact it wasn't. Both of these are clued by wordplay only. A historic personage who, being married, was presumably once a 1ac, appears in the grid and must be highlighted (7 cells). His extraordinary rendition of 37ac accounts for the unclued lights, unchecked and mutually checked letters of which could produce FATAL B-BRICK

Across

- 1 Novel involved 13 minus five (12, 3 words)
- 9 Priest put back gold-plated vessel (5)
- 12 That man's cutting lace pants for little nippers! (6)
- 13 He drew men over into court (5)
- 17 Ploughs historically used to be turned west to south (4)
- 18 Former Italian tenor in inevitable return to gaol (8)
- 27 Part of insect's leg, unknown one eaten by mate (8)
- 30 Suit bound to appear back to front (4)
- 33 Vital set of instructions compiled in case of surgery (5)
- 34 Quickly fixes drink after work (6, 2 words)
- 35 Dig up ground near hut (7)
- 36 Line representing serviceman in artist's regular drawing (5)
- 37 Works by French novelist something to be thankful for (12, 3 words)

Down

- 2 Bar last to fall within city's limits, aptly (8)
- 3 Tireless criminal runs away, making good use of events (7)
- 4 Talk involved name-dropping (5)
- 5 Scottish harvest gatherers heading off? (6)
- 6 Cheers up, welcoming in old faces (5)
- 7 Round jar such as we have locally (4)
- 8 Big fellows goin' down, heading to bottom (6)
- 11 No sound reason for lack of water? Water coming up (8, 3 words)
- 14 Bishop drops down over organ case (8)
- 16 Distinctive quality of hearing ultimately lost (4)
- 21 If nothing's struck, oddly it's a blow to Alpinists (4)
- 22 Trendy means of opening door one's found on roof (7)
- 23 Marsupial needs somewhere to go, with disorder mounting (6)
- 24 Duke pinches floosie's bottom prior to a grand celebration (6)
- 26 Bush in US is up and about, always rising first (6)
- 28 Firm friend's contribution to glossy film? (5)
- 29 Soil must shape nature (5)
- 31 Car used by Pope located (4)