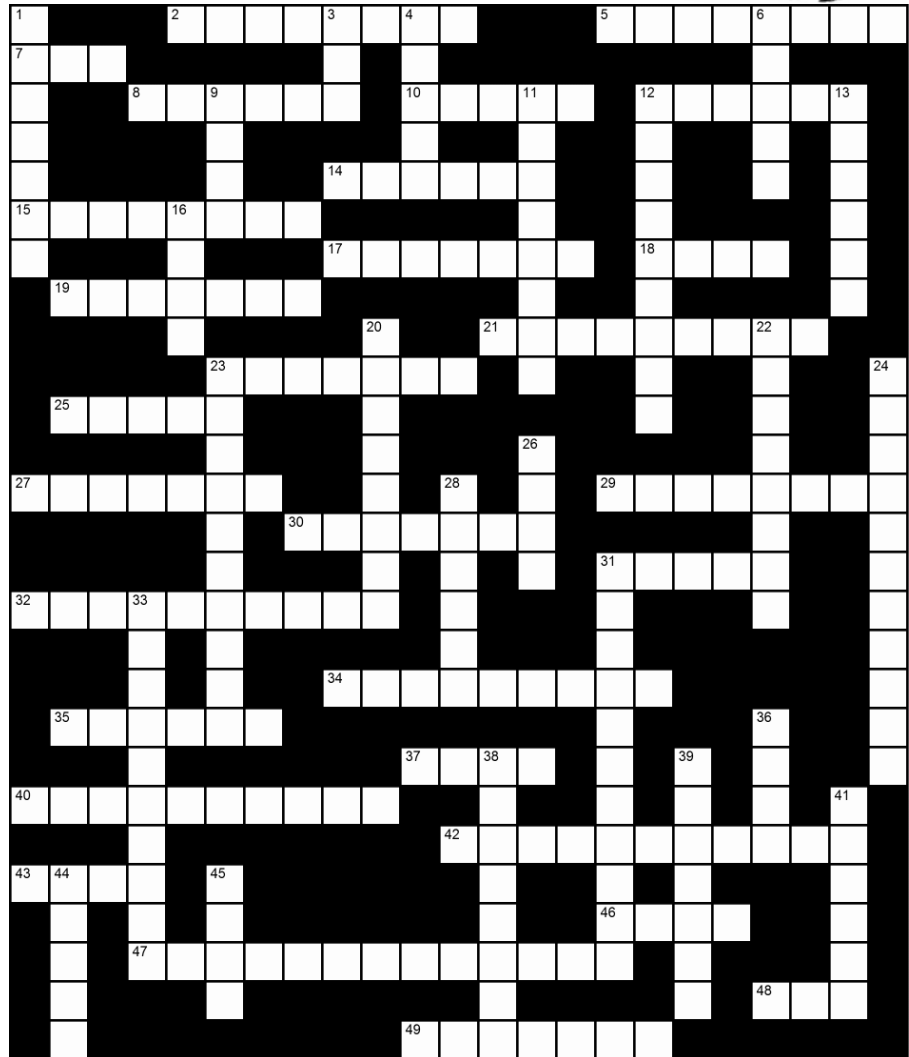


KENNETH OPPEL'S SKYBREAKER CROSSWORD

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ACROSS CLUES

- 2 'Treasure trove'
floating at 20,000 feet
(8)
- 5/41 He carried his life's
belongings aboard
the Hyperion (8,6)
- 7/26 He is missing his
little fingers,
probably due to
frostbite (3,4)
- 8/12D Nadira's skyrobbing
father (6,9)
- 10 Academy Dean (5)
- 12 Member of the
Himalayan people
living in Nepal and
Tibet who are famous
for their skill as
mountaineers (or
skybreaking!) (6)
- 14 Slater's crew member
killed by the airborne
creatures (6)
- 15 Kate's chaperone and
excellent seamstress
(8)
- 17 See 16 Down
- 18 Fancy Parisien hotel
where Matt meets
'Matthias Grunel' (4)
- 19 Training vessel
captained by Tritus
(7)
- 21 Matt has this kind of
heart (9)



- 23 Mango-scented lifting
gas (7)
- 25 See 43
- 27 Deficiency in the
amount of oxygen
reaching body
tissues; you are
susceptible to this at
great altitudes (7)
- 29 Navigator aboard the
Flotsam (8)
- 30 Slater's first airship
(7)
- 31 'Outsider' to a Roma
(5)
- 32 See 44 Down

- 34 Navigational measurement, measured east or west from the Prime Meridian (9)
- 35 See 48
- 37/28 Chef aboard the *Aurora* (now working at a posh Paris restaurant) (4,6)
- 40 Grunel's power-generating engine is named after this mythical figure (10)
- 42 Vehicle in which Kate arrives to dine with Matt (11)
- 43/25 Young hero of *Airborn* and *Skybreaker* (4,5)
- 46 See 45 Down
- 47 Hibernating state in animals adapting to insufficient water (13)
- 48/35 He saved a mailship from the clutches of Hurricane Kate (3,6)
- 49/4 Governor General's Literary Award winning author of *Airborn* (7,5)

DOWN CLUES

- 1 It is used to stabilize a ship (7)
- 3 Dorje's aunt and cook aboard the 'Saga' (3)
- 4 See 49 Across
- 6 He has summited Everest five times (5)
- 9 Cruse saves him after he is electrocuted (4)
- 11 Altitudes above the polar regions (8)
- 12 See 8 Across
- 13 Luxury airship upon which Matt worked before studying at the Academy (6)
- 16/17 Her interests include biology, taxidermy and Matt (4,7)
- 20 Place where you keep live specimens in their natural habitat (8)
- 22 The exoskeleton of the 'Saga' is made of this (8)
- 23 Vast dome for airships; the largest man-made structure in the world (10)
- 24 Luxury restaurant located 600 feet up the Eiffel Tower (6,5)
- 26 See 7 Across
- 28 See 37 Across
- 31 _____ skin is made from cow intestines and is used to make impermeable bladders to hold gases (11)
- 33 Slater's 'skybreaker' gets its name from Nepalese word for Everest (10)
- 36 Near-eternal typhoon, the Devil's _____ (4)
- 38 "Creature of the air" coined by Kate (8)
- 39 Temple of rocks to honour the gods (7)
- 41 See 5 Across
- 44/32 George Barton is on the Board of this monopoly (5,10)
- 45/46 'Ginger Beard' who impersonates Matthias Grunel (4,4)

ANSWERS: ACROSS: 2 HYPERION, 5/41 THEODORE GRUNEL, 7/26 ANG JETA, 8/12D VIKRAM SZPIRGAS, 10 PRUSS, 12 SHERPA, 14 DALKEY, 15 SIMPKINS, 18 RITZ, 19 FLOTSAM, 21 HIMALAYAN, 23 HYDRIUM, 27 HYPOXIA, 29 DOMVILLE, 30 TRIDENT, 31 GADJO, 34 LONGITUDE, 37/28 VLAD HERZOG, 40 PROMETHEUS, 42 ORNITHOPTER, 43/25 MATT CRUSE, 47 ANHYDROBIOSIS, 48/35 HAL SLATER, 49/4 KENNETH OPPEL. DOWN: 1 BALLAST, 3 RAM, 6 DORJE, 9 KAMI, 11 SKYBERIA, 13 AURORA, 16/17 KATE DE VRIES, 20 VIVARIUM, 22 ALUMIRON, 23 HELIODROME, 24 JEWELS VERNE, 31 GOLDBEATERS, 33 SAGARMATHA, 36 FIST, 38 AEROZOAN, 39 CHORTEN, 44/32 ARUBA CONSORTIUM, 45/46 JOHN RATH.