

AUTHOR'S BIAS

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a 4-letter word

No clear theme entries in this one, but there was a clue that matched the title perfectly: 40-Across, "Author's bias". The answer was SLANT, which hopefully clued you to look at the diagonals in the grid. If you were careful and thorough, you could find 8 authors: PLATH, ELIOT, POE, WILDE, KAFKA, ALCOTT, STINE and MILNE, each hidden diagonally. Each author intersects another author at exactly 1 letter - and taking those 4 letters from the intersections in grid order spells **LEAN**, an apt 4-letter synonym for "author's bias" and our answer.