

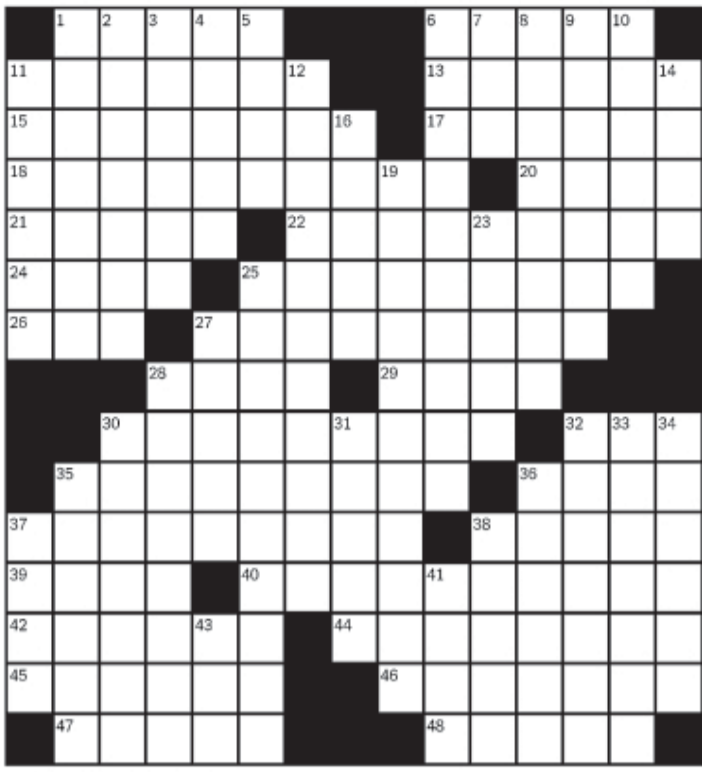
All the puzzles on this page were prepared for publication on Saturday and ran in our digital edition. They are repeated here as a courtesy for print readers.

**NEW YORK TIMES CROSSWORD**

No. 0408

**ACROSS**

- 1 Knocks for a loop
- 6 Source of masago, in Japanese cuisine
- 11 Soft drink that originally contained the mood-stabilizing drug lithium citrate
- 13 General senses
- 15 Men on a mission
- 17 Wipes out
- 18 "Relax, I'm almost finished"
- 20 Collaborative work
- 21 \_\_\_ Brothers, winners of a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award in 2014
- 22 One picking out something for a cart, maybe
- 24 Number in brackets
- 25 Some tailgate party accessories
- 26 They have bags under their eyes, for short
- 27 Cultural draws for New York and Los Angeles
- 28 Appeal
- 29 Top gear?
- 30 Astronomer's calculation
- 32 \_\_\_-green
- 35 Hosts of the 1988 and 2010 Winter Olympics
- 36 Leave to others?
- 37 Things from Mars available for purchase
- 38 Followers
- 39 Gets off the fence, so to speak
- 40 A promising talent
- 42 They're always launching new projects
- 44 2019 chart-topper for Shawn Mendes and Camila Cabello



Puzzle by Sid Sivakumar

5/13

- 45 Campus protection
- 46 Lifts
- 47 Emma Thompson and Anna Wintour, for two
- 48 Name that spells something nice to have backward
- DOWN**
- 1 Boots, so to speak
- 2 "Anne of Green Gables" setting
- 3 Like some citrus fruit
- 4 Unit of logs
- 5 Longtime character revealed to be gay in 2016's "Star Trek Beyond"
- 6 Supporting elements in a story?
- 7 Sorry start?
- 8 Coils
- 9 Money that goes to a casino
- 10 Rides for rug rats
- 11 Dominatrix, perhaps
- 12 Consumer of cod, but not cow
- 14 Tizzy
- 16 Metaphor for one's personal perspective
- 19 Rigidly conform
- 23 Game that's hard to follow
- 25 They help keep food fresh
- 27 Ease
- 28 Dirty film
- 30 Rock band named after its founding guitarist
- 31 Amounts at a deli
- 32 Conventional respects
- 33 Figure in Greek tragedy who says "I ask this one thing: Let me go mad in my own way"
- 34 Pack leaders
- 35 Like some data plans
- 36 Docking points
- 37 Go for
- 38 Ripped, in slang
- 41 Words after step or sleep
- 43 "I will find you twenty lascivious turtles \_\_\_ one chaste man": Shak.

**ANSWER TO FRIDAY'S PUZZLE:**



**CAROLYN HAX**

**They hold their friend at arm's length**



BY CAROLYN HAX  
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**Dear Carolyn:** A friend has started aggressively enforcing her own "boundaries," which basically means refusing to engage in stressful conversations or open up about her life, engaging only on her terms. This is making it really hard to maintain a friendship, but I know I have to respect the boundaries. At what point does it become not worth it? I don't want a friend who holds me at arm's length.

— Boundaried

**Boundaried:** The "not worth it" point is wherever you decide it is. You could drop the friendship now, if you want.

I'm not recommending that, just that you are free to do so. That's how your side of the boundary equation works: She decides what's OK for her, and you decide what's OK for you.

If the two aren't compatible, then each of you can adapt — for example, talking only about superficial things — or be patient, or give up.

Boundaries create a healthy relationship outline; how you color it in is up to the two of you.

This isn't anything new. Calling it "boundaries" just gives it a newish name

**LEXIGO**

Start at the double hexagon. Spell solutions to the clues below by winding your way through the grid. You can backtrack to use letters more than once. Each new word starts with the last letter of the previous word.



- 1. Seafood sauce T \_ \_ \_ \_
- 2. Buyer incentive \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 3. Blissful E \_ \_ \_ \_
- 4. Reagan's predecessor \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- 5. Declines R \_ \_ \_ \_

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and clears up (supposedly) some of the points of confusion. And, maybe most important, it gives us a chance to talk about the fact that it's not OK to keep push-push-pushing against someone's comfort limits just to get what you want.

**Reader's Thoughts:**

— If the friend is only recently trying to set boundaries, they may be overcompensating as they're getting used to it. I wouldn't make any snap decisions if this is a good friend. In the meantime, you can always be open about your life — and build closeness that way.

**Dear Carolyn:** What do you do when you know someone behaved really badly because they were stressed out? My mom made a recent gathering miserable because she thought she was dying. She had no basis to think this other than a doctor's appointment for blood pressure medication.

There was a lot of damage done and things she said that can't be taken back. I guess she figured if she was dying, she could say them without living with the fallout?

My sister is ready to cut them off, my dad is threatening divorce, and while I understand doctors freak her out — through observation, not because she actually talks about her feelings — I am also ready to completely cut them out if she can't even acknowledge the damage she did.

— Life After Not-Death

**Life After Not-Death:** She must have outdone herself, I'm sorry.

If I held the strings on this puppet show, she'd be in therapy STAT and the rest of you would lie low for a while. Since this answer is the only string I hold, I'll urge you not to act in any way just yet. You don't have to, right? You can cut ties a day/month/decade from now if that's the right thing to do.

Our minds can break down and reshape problems for us as we focus on daily life, even as we sleep. So when in doubt and when you can, it can pay off to wait out big questions until your subconscious has done its thing.

To be clear, you're not waiting on your mom to fix things. Given her problematic personality, in fact, therapy for you might help.

**LOCAL BESTSELLERS**

**FICTION**

- 1. "The Covenant of Water" by Abraham Verghese
- 2. "Happy Place" by Emily Henry
- 3. "Meet Me at the Lake" by Carley Fortune
- 4. "Small Things Like These" by Claire Keegan
- 5. "Hello Beautiful" by Ann Napolitano
- 6. "I Am My Country: And Other Stories" by Kenan Orhan
- 7. "Hang the Moon" by Jeannette Walls
- 8. "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt
- 9. "Fourth Wing" by Rebecca Yarros
- 10. "The Secret Book of Flora Lea" by Patti Callahan Henry

**NONFICTION**

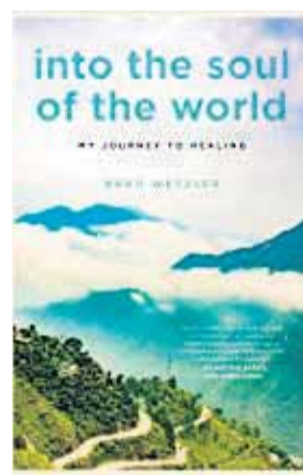
- 1. "The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder" by David Grann
- 2. "A Fever in the Heartland: The Ku Klux Klan's Plot to Take

- Over America, and the Woman Who Stopped Them" by Timothy Egan
- 3. "Magnolia Table, Volume 3: A Collection of Recipes for Gathering" by Joanna Gaines
- 4. "Under the Henfluence: Inside the World of Backyard Chickens and the People Who Love Them" by Tove Danovich
- 5. "The Wisdom of the Bullfrog: Leadership Made Simple (But Not Easy)" by Admiral William H. McRaven
- 6. "The Boy, the Mole, the Fox, and the Horse" by Charlie Mackesy
- 7. "The City of Fountains: Kansas City's Legacy of Beauty and Motion" by Roy Inman (City of Fountains Foundation)
- 8. "The Baseball 100" by Joe Posnanski
- 9. "The Rediscovery of America: Native Peoples and the Unmaking of U.S. History" by Ned Blackhawk
- 10. "Poverty, by America" by Matthew Desmond



bradwetzler.com

Kansas City native Brad Wetzler's memoir is titled "Into the Soul of the World: My Journey to Healing."



"Into the Soul of the World: My Journey to Healing" by Brad Wetzler



Sarah Henning



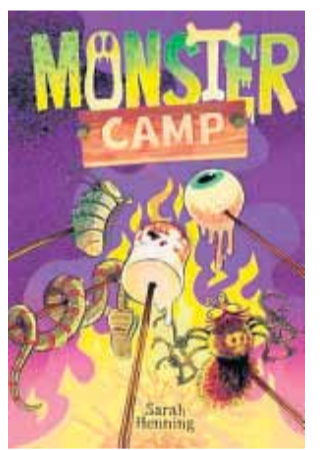
Corey Mertes

oir about dealing with his addiction and PTSD. He was a senior editor at Outside magazine and wrote for Outside and other magazines.

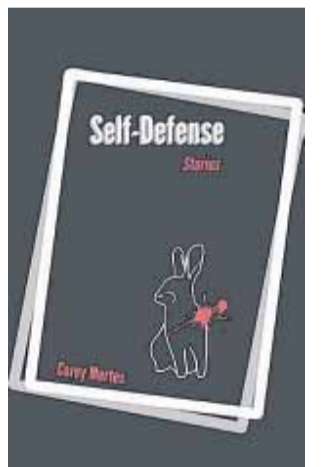
Hachette Go (March 21). \$29. hachettebookgroup.com.

**"Self-Defense" by Corey Mertes**

This is the first short story collection of Mertes, a North Kansas City resident who is a former practicing lawyer. Mertes drew some of the stories from his time working as a casino dealer and as a ballroom dance



"Monster Camp" by Sarah Henning



"Self-Defense" by Corey Mertes

teacher. Cornerstone Press at University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point Press (Feb. 1). \$21.95. uwsp.edu.

**LITERARY CALENDAR**

**Corinne Corley and Linzi Garcia:** Essayist and poet will take part in "Two Writers/Ten Questions." 6:30 p.m. May 17. Johnson County Central Resource Library, 9875 W. 87th, Overland Park. jocolibrary.org (scroll to "Events," click "All Events," scroll to May 17). 913-826-4600.

**Adam D. Mendelsohn (virtual):** For "Jewish Soldiers in the

Civil War: The Union Army." 1 p.m. May 18. archives.gov/calendar (scroll to May 18). 816-268-8000.

**Marcia Cebulka:** For "Lovers, Dreamers, & Thieves: My people, Chicago, & the Polish bakery where I grew up." 7 p.m. May 18. Raven Book Store, 809 Massachusetts, Lawrence. ravenbookstore.com (click "Raven Events"). 785-749-3300.

**LOCAL LITERARY SPOTLIGHT**

A round-up of new books by Kansas City area authors.

**"Monster Camp" by Sarah Henning**

A girl winds up in a summer camp filled with monsters in this middle-grade story by Henning, a former sports journalist who lives in Lawrence. She also wrote "Sea Witch," "The Princess Will

Save You" and "Throw Like a Girl."

Margaret K. McElderry Books (May 9). \$17.99. simonandschuster.com.

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