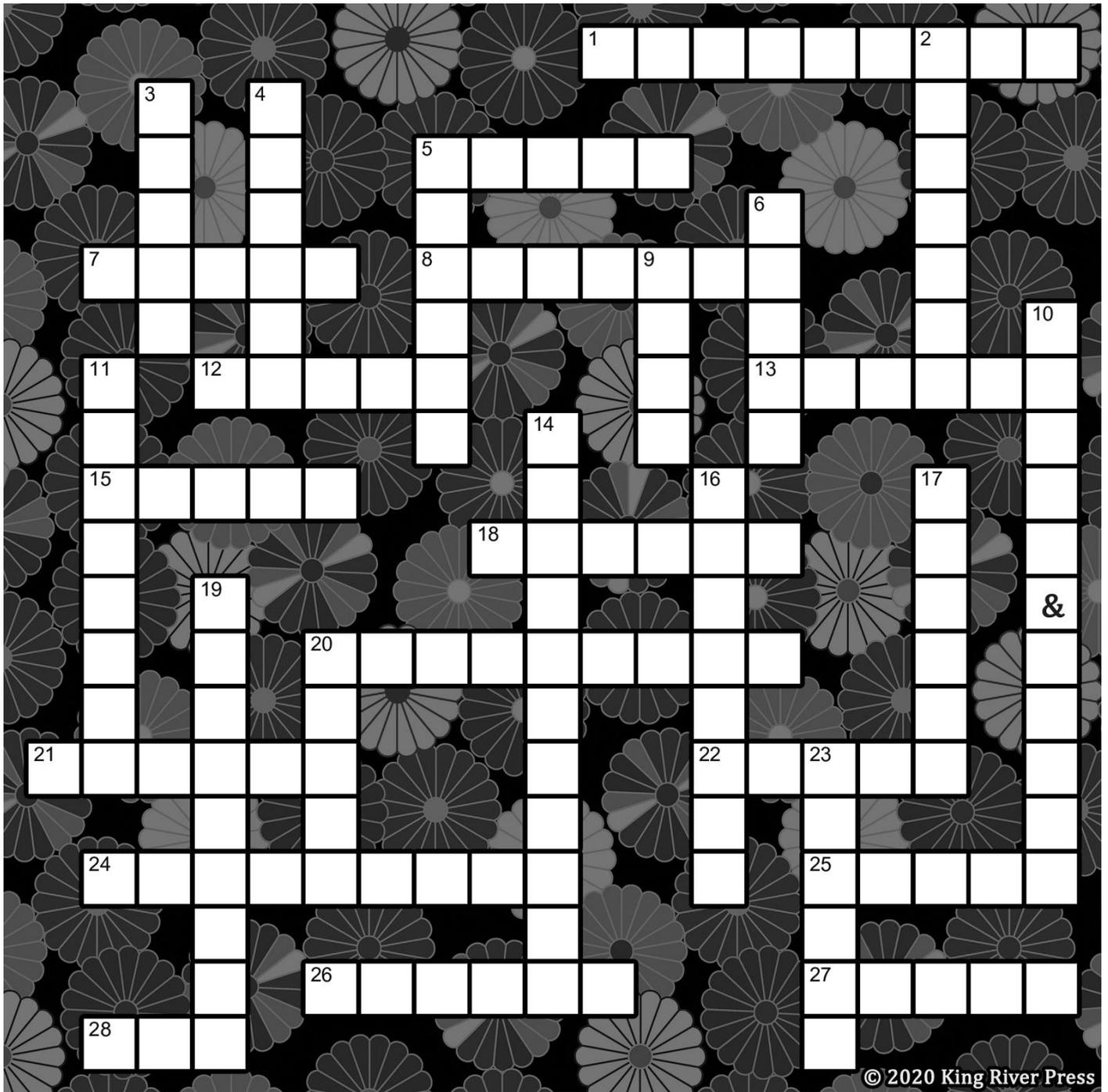


King River Press – Japanese Short Verse Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 collective name for Basho, Buson, Issa and Shiki (5,4)
- 5 Meiji period innovative poet of samurai parents, died young from tuberculosis at age 34 (5)
- 7 original term for haiku, the starting verse of 27 Across (5)
- 8 formed in 1968, home of the first formal haiku society outside of Japan (7)
- 12 inspirational haiku walk (5)
- 13 modern or contemporary haiku (6)
- 15 English writer, Reginald H., author of *Haiku* in four volumes (1949-1952) (5)
- 18 haiku with prose, for example 14 Down (6)
- 20 professor, Harold G., wrote *An Introduction to Haiku* in 1948, society co-founder of 8 Across (9)
- 21 the cutting word or pause marker in a haiku (6)
- 22 Japanese short verse revived by Shiki, consisting of 5-7-5-7-7 'on' (5)
- 24 haiku capital of Japan, birthplace of Shiki (9)
- 25 typical number of lines in an English language haiku (5)
- 26 haiku without seasonal references, usually about human nature (6)
- 27 7 Across is the opening stanza of this linked, collaborative poetry (5)
- 28 Japanese short verse is often associated with this form of Buddhism (3)

Down

- 2 famous haiku by Edo period poet Basho (3,4)
- 3 a painter from a wealthy family, second born of the Great Four (5)
- 4 a more comical, loose poem, which became known as hokku, and later the haiku (6)
- 5 *kigo* reference to this (6)
- 6 calligraphy accompanied with brush-painting popularised by Basho (5)
- 9 widely endeared, lay Pure Land Buddhist priest, known for his insect poems (4)
- 10 Japanese short verse is absent of these (5&5)
- 11 Basho's poetry often reflects this Japanese principle (4-4)
- 14 genre of Basho's *Narrow Road to the Interior* (6,5)
- 16 meaning of Issa's pen name (3,2,3)
- 17 Basho's students built him a hut and planted this tree which later became his pen name (6)
- 19 number of Japanese 'on' or phonetic units in a haiku (9)
- 20 shortest and most popular Japanese poem, meaning humorous and witty verse (5)
- 23 the essence of haiku (6)