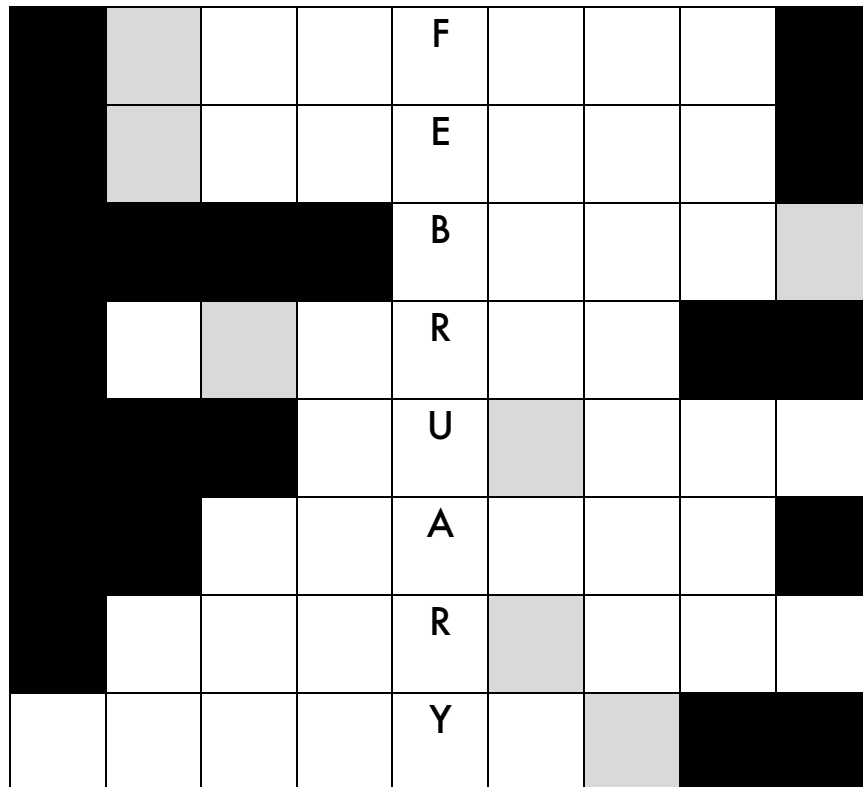


“If Beale Street Could Talk” (February 2021)

February is Black History Month and I thought it would be a great time to celebrate Black authors. I call this kind of puzzle a “Crossward.” It’s kind of like a crossword, kind of like an acrostic, but separate from both.

I’ve given you a list of eight book titles, and a matching grid with eight rows. The surnames of the books’ authors go in the rows, but it’s up to you to figure out which author goes where. To help you out, I’ve given you one letter for each word. Can you identify all eight authors, and their locations in the grid?

(For a bonus puzzle, the letters of the name of a ninth author are hidden in the shaded squares. You’ll have to unscramble the letters to find the answer!)



Between the World and Me
 The Bluest Eye
 I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings
 The Polished Hoe
 The Souls of Black Folk
 Washington Black
 What I Know For Sure
 What We All Long For