

Kindergarten Crime Spree (Part 2) by Merl Reagle

ACROSS

- 1 Pioneering cartoonist
- 5 Prep for a trip
- 9 Cry of recognition
- 12 Stumblebums
- 17 Job safety org.
- 18 Present opening?
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- 20 Jewelers' lenses
- 21 *I narrowed it down to two suspects. Naturally, they both ___* ...
- 24 Manifesto co-author
- 25 Takes in or lets out
- 26 *Let's call them ___* ...
- 28 Untrue
- 29 Earthquake origins
- 32 Promising letters
- 33 Org. of cadets
- 35 *I could tell right away that she was ___* ...
- 41 Old college cry
- 42 Capital on the Aare
- 44 Pianist Gilels
- 45 Sculler's prop
- 46 Words before "merry"
- 48 Chinese principle
- 49 *And he—well, let's just say that he was ___* ...
- 54 Goes ballistic
- 56 Hydrox finish
- 57 Before you know it
- 58 Be in a different form?
- 59 Pool problem
- 60 Golf great
- 62 "Convoy" star's first name
- 64 *I laid out the evidence; they could see that I'd done ___* ...
- 66 *But neither would talk. So I said, "I'm going to ___"* ...
- 72 At a snail's pace
- 73 Takes shape
- 74 Chocolate shop lure
- 75 Reagan's "Star Wars" prog.
- 78 Lingerie items
- 80 Cloud chamber bit
- 81 Toyota rival
- 82 *And that did it—they started crying immediately. I said, "Well, I hope you've ___"* ...
- 87 Twitch, minus every other letter
- 88 Arm bones
- 89 Seattle-to-Vegas dir.
- 90 GM's electric car
- 91 Island near Java
- 92 Saints' org.
- 93 *"Maybe you'll both be let out early ___"* ...
- 99 Sugar-free, perhaps
- 101 Extinct 12-footer
- 102 In ___ (lined up)
- 103 Terra follower
- 106 *"But only if you ___ me exactly what happened" ...*
- 111 Last two words in the title of an epic 1962 western
- 112 Actress Stone
- 113 *They agreed. And that's when the ___ began. THE END (Hint: Because of a single variable letter, this clue has three different appropriate answers. Write in whichever one(s) you like. See 116 Down.)*
- 117 "Fighting" NCAA team

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- 118 Swan lover of myth
- 119 Colorful eye part
- 120 Words to a traitor
- 121 One way to choose
- 122 2001 and 2010, for ex.
- 123 "Dam it" preceder
- 124 Greek letters
- 34 Food Network figure
- 36 Berry and Burns
- 37 Struck a stance
- 38 Partakes of
- 39 Space balls
- 40 See 60 Across
- 42 Second-string squad
- 43 Premature
- 47 Ultrasecret org.
- 49 List details
- 50 It's an Aleutian
- 51 Dogpatch name
- 52 Brassy group
- 53 ___ to win it
- 55 Kung ___ chicken
- 60 "Kill Bill" weapon
- 61 "Dream on!"
- 63 Coffee-spill result
- 65 Hamburg's river
- 66 "Sounds great"
- 67 "It's Now ___"
- 68 Surgery sites, briefly
- 69 "For openers ..."
- 70 BlackBerry delivery
- 71 Folk singer Griffith
- 73 Pulled the trigger
- 75 How misers act
- 76 Glenn Miller milieu
- 77 Roth follower
- 79 Lackluster
- 81 Punishment for some kids
- 82 "Casablanca" role, Ilsa ___
- 83 Research-funding org.
- 84 "Camp show" org.
- 85 London district
- 86 KFC side dish
- 91 Rocket stage
- 94 Saudi neighbor
- 95 Democrat Dellums
- 96 One who may bug you
- 97 Barn bundle
- 98 Able one's assertion
- 100 Hope-Crosby flick, "Road ___"
- 104 Famed sidekick
- 105 Burger beef
- 107 "I ___ tell"
- 108 Arena level
- 109 Some linemen
- 110 NYC airport, on tickets
- 111 Genie's gift
- 112 Sis or bro
- 114 Fix dishonestly
- 115 Con's opposite
- 116 *Start of a novel by Sue Grafton, whose titles are especially apt for this puzzle. (This clue has three possible answers. See 113 Across.)*

DOWN

- 1 Ace of diamonds Ryan
- 2 Embark on ___ career
- 3 Noticeably filled (with)
- 4 Goes up against
- 5 Okra features
- 6 Pal, to Pascal
- 7 Wolf's home?
- 8 Relations
- 9 Actor with actor brothers
- 10 Flying wedge sound
- 11 Reach
- 12 Nor, for one: abbr.
- 13 Long-time Indiana senator
- 14 Market action that remains in effect until filled or canceled
- 15 Easily trashed, e.g.
- 16 Air-leak sound
- 19 "Nova" subj.
- 20 Nobel decliner ___ Tho
- 22 Switch ending
- 23 Frigg's husband
- 27 "___ insist!"
- 29 Katrina aftermath org.
- 30 Like poems of praise
- 31 Coal miner

*** *CURIOUS about how these two kindergarten puzzles came about? Read all about it (and why they took almost two years to make) at my new blog at www.sundaycrosswords.com. After solving them, of course.*