Library: Summer Reading ANSWER KEY

ACME Agent Dewey Dessmal is a school librarian by day. Today his students are presenting their book reports, but it soon becomes evident that none of them have actually read the books they're presenting. *Sigh* Oh well, at least he can still hope that **they return the books to their proper places on the shelves (hint that the blanks need to be filled with authors' names in alphabetical order, as that's how books are arranged in a library)** when done.

"My book report is on Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea. It was a good scary book. It was about a big baseball game that they held in the ocean. There were, like, so many teams down there. I lost count. They were all named after shells and big sea monsters and stuff."

"I read this book called The Giver. It was about what Christmas will be like in the future, with people exchanging and receiving gifts. The story centered around a character who always knew just the right gift to get for people. Everybody got a bike. And then at the end they go sledding and enter a colorful town."

"I did my book report on the book Seabiscuit. It was about these British people who opened up a cookie stand at the beach by the ocean. But they didn't call them cookies because they were British, they had a different name for them. All these little people had a race to get the last cookie."

"I read the book The Hunchback of Notre Dame. It was about a bunch of college kids in the midwest. They played a lot of football. This one guy played a position that I never heard of, though. Maybe that's because they're French. Or Irish. I wasn't really clear on that part."

"I read The Fall of the House of Usher. It was like that show "Cribs" where you get to see celebrities' houses. It tells all about a '90s rapper's autumn home (like you know how celebs have summer homes, this was an autumn home). There was something really weird going on with his sister though; she seemed a little quiet. Yeah!"

"This book, Lord of the Flies, was a fun work of speculative fiction. It explores the question "What if insects had feudalistic societies? Who would be in charge?" The story focused mostly on 1 type of insect, and this guy was minor nobility. If you like blood and gore, this is the book for you. It got kinda gross."

"I read this book called Titus Andronicus. I think it's about that guy from that Tina Fey show, which is weird because I thought this book was older than that, but these foreign names confuse me. He really liked pie, though."

"I read this book called To Kill a Mockingbird. These hunters were scouting out an elusive avian creature that kept throwing major shade at them along the way. The creature dies at the end. They scared it to death by saying 'boo!'"

"My book report is on A Doll's House. It's about a little girl who gets a Barbie mansion to put all her Barbies in. I think there was some message about patriarchal oppression or something."

"My report is about The Leftovers. They cooked a big meal and didn't eat it all, so they put the rest in Tupperware in the fridge and then ate it the next day."

"This book is called The Pillars of the Earth. It was clearly written by one of those flat-world conspiracy theorists. I mean, it doesn't take a genius to know that our planet isn't actually being held up by columns! Such a Medieval way of thinking."

"I read the book Life of Pi. It provided a good interdisciplinary crossover with math. I'd never read a biography of a number before, but it was infinitely entertaining. There was also a tiger."

Once solvers have identified all 12 books, they need to put the authors' names in alphabetical order in the blanks. The flavor text clues the solver into this.

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_P_ _O_ _E_
     12

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         13

Then just take the letters from the numbered spaces and plug them in!

Extracted Phrase:

_M_ _A_ _R_ _I_ _N_ _E_ _R_   _A_ _U_ _T_ _H_ _O_ _R_

Given that only the last names of the other authors were used, the rule for the extraction is the same. *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner* was written by Samuel Taylor **COLERIDGE!**