

THE 17th RIPPLE EFFECT CHRISTMAS QUIZ 2025

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It starts on an African farm

These are clues to book and film titles, which are in alphabetical order, ignoring "The" or "A" (not all letters of the alphabet are represented). Unlike many greengrocers, we have also ignored apostrophes. Most clues lead to the title, but there is also one quotation. You do not need to have read the books or seen the films to work out the answers. Please give the titles and complete the tiebreakers, and send your answers to the address below, even if you don't complete them all. Prizes will be awarded from Ripple Effect's range of virtual gifts. The authors' decision is final.

1	William Cody's eventful happenings (3,10,2,7,4)
2	Quadruped built like a tank (9)
3	The late President Johnson's wife is cross.... (3,3-8,8)
4	Night time biters and gazunders (7,3,11)
5	Ecclesiastical rodents in foreign climes (3,6,4,6)
6	Unusual combination of handbag material and fruit cake (9,6)
7	Twenty-four hours with a sting in the tail (3,3,2,3,8)
8	One too many to fit into a Mini (3,5,8)
9	Hapless maiden spun into a fix?? (3,4,2,3,7,3)
10	Where very large water horses stay on holiday (3,5,12,5)
11	Guide to prickly garden inhabitants (3,8,8)
12	Rodent Dick Turpin (3,7,3)
13	"One - two - three..... and where's your breakfast??" (3,3,7,3,3,5)
14	Beelzebub (4,2,3,5)
15	There's a risk of catching malaria on this shore (3,8,5)
16	Venomous animal nursery (1,4,2,6)
17	Fluttery, fragile and French (8)

18	Outcome of mixing cheap rice with treacle (3,4,3,6)
19	One hackle going up?? (7,4)
20	Georgian young stag (7,4)
21	Blushing Bagheera makes a comeback (3,6,2,3,4,7)
22	To be affixed to the documents of this famously wise Biblical king (8,4)
23	Reportedly the cause of death of Henry I (1,7,2,8)
24	Traditional fireside rug but with the beast still inside (3,7,2,3,6)
25	Address where pack of predators may live in style (4,4)

Tiebreakers

What hidden theme runs through these titles?

"Bath salts and inexpensive scent, and hideous tie so kindly meant" wrote John Betjeman about inappropriate presents. But you can avoid this trap by giving virtual gifts from Ripple Effect. So.....what gift could you buy that gives nutrition to soils as well as children, and how much does it cost? (Click on the QR code, see your RE catalogue, or go to www.rippleeffect.org/gifts)

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For more information, to find the answer to the tie-breaker, and if you wish, to make a gift to African farmers, scan the QR code, use your catalogue, or go to Ripple Effect's website, www.rippleeffect.org. Please give the reason for any donation as "XMAS QUIZ 2025".

Send your answers, with your name and address below, to RE Christmas Quiz, 3 Apple Tree Gardens, Hanley Swan, Worcester WR8 0DD, enclosing an SAE or email address for an answer sheet; or by email to rippleeffectxmasquiz@gmail.com, by 9TH JANUARY 2026.

Name.....Address.....

.....Email.....

....and finally, please tell us how you came across your copy of the quizthank you!