

Alphacipher

The numbers 1–26 have been allocated randomly to the letters of the alphabet. The letter values of the words have been added together to give the word values. For example, in SHUTE, S might equal 6, H 2, U 8, T 12 and E 9, or any other combination of five numbers totalling 37. The theme this time is WRITERS. What is the value of X?

ANGELOU	45	LESSING	45
ATWOOD	55	NESBIT	45
BALZAC	59	PARKER	58
BRAINE	47	POTTER	47
CONRAD	59	PROUST	42
EVELYN	63	QUENEAU	56
FORESTER	58	RANSOME	45
GASKELL	47	RENAULT	40
GOGOL	41	SALINGER	55
HAMSUN	53	SHUTE	37
HELLER	35	SYMONS	50
JEROME	53	WALTON	49
KAFKA	74		

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X=19 (A5 B9 C16 D13 E3 F22
G14 H20 I11 J24 K21 L1 M10
N12 O6 P15 Q25 R7 S2 T8 U4
V26 W17 Y18 Z23)

