ACROSS
1 Epic poem by John Milton (8,4)
7 Charles, American composer, 1874-1954 (4)
11 Spanish town in the province of Lugo in Galicia (7)
12 Coarse-grained intermediate igneous rock (9)
13 Robin, Dutch tennis player (5)
14 Egyptian fish, sacred to the goddess Hathor, represented on coins and sculptures (11)
15 Capital of North Carolina (7)
16 Rodgers and Hammerstein musical (5,4)
17 Small gecko (5)
19 Ivan, Bulgarian poet (1850-1921) (5)
21 Sylvia, author of the novel The Bell Jar (5)
23 Device containing photographic film that registers the wearer’s exposure to radiation (4,5)
26 South American republic (7)
28 Hank Williams, Jr album from a Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer film soundtrack (1,4,2,4)
30 Any animal belonging to the cat family (5)
31 Belonging to Aphrodite (9)
32 Rough dry cider, brewed especially in the West Country (7)
33 North American rail with greyish-brown plumage and a yellow bill (4)
34 Opera by Wagner (3,9)

DOWN
1 Isle of Wight prison (9)
2 New Zealand mountaineer (1961-96) (3,4)
3 Frontier town on the Santa Fe Trail (5,4)
4 Mikhail, Soviet author, winner of the 1965 Nobel prize for literature (9)
5, 18 Founder of the rock band Motörhead (5,9)
6 One of the six orthodox schools of Hindu philosophy (7)
8 Member of a sect devoted to the cult of Vishnu (9)
9 Edmund, poet celebrated for The Faerie Queene (7)
10, 23 Singer who had a UK No.1 record in 1958 with the single “Who’s Sorry Now” (6,7)
16 The World of ----- Wong, 1960 film starring William Holden and Nancy Kwan (5)
17 See 5
20 Expert in facial make-up (9)
21 A sponge (9)
22 Another name for king cobra (9)
23 See 10
24 Marcel, Hungarian-born US architect and designer (1902-81) (6)
25 Insectivorous plant, also called sundew (7)
27 Lotus with huge leaves and solitary large flowers that grow on stalks (7)
29 John, US tennis player (5)

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